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## WHIPS CURB BACKBENCH REBELLION

### 'Don't embarrass Thatcher' plea

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent  
AN appeal to Conservative MPs not to embarrass the Prime Minister when she is away on an important overseas tour last night helped Ministers to reduce a threatened large Tory rebellion against the latest Government curb on local authority spending.

Three Conservative MPs voted against the Government and about 30 others abstained, but the Government easily won a Commons division on a Labour motion by 325-225, a majority of 100.

The Tory dissent was about half what had looked possible after Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, had announced the day before that local councils were to be prevented from spending £1 billion of their receipts from council house sales.

#### Commons Debate—P6

A powerful Government whipping operation yesterday stressed how bad it would look for Mrs Thatcher—visiting China, Hongkong and the United States this week—if there were a serious Conservative rebellion during her absence.

MPs were also warned that a big Tory vote against a key part of the Government's public expenditure policy could affect the state of the pound.

Mr John Wakeham, Government Chief Whip, who was seriously injured in the Brighton hotel bombing, made his first appearance—with the aid of a walking stick—in a Commons division.

Lord Whitelaw in waiting

Viscount Whitelaw, who is in charge of the Government during the Prime Minister's absence, watched cautiously from the Gallery as MPs voted after a three-hour emergency debate.

Then, relieved at the outcome, he left to greet the Prime Minister, a message about a vote which colleagues believe she will find acceptable.

Although the winning margin was 40 below the Government majority, it was substantial enough to bring the final snarl of an amended two days to the face of Mr Jenkin.

However, he was warned by Tory MPs opposed to his decision that the could cause more, and greater, trouble when Parliament resumes after the Christmas recess.

Some of those who abstained last night had been persuaded

## Anger over £95,000 arms job

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

A POLITICAL storm broke last night over the appointment of Mr Peter Levene, chairman of a company which makes military equipment, to be Chief of Defence Procurement in the Ministry of Defence at a salary of £95,000 a year.

The salary is more than twice that of the civil servant moved to make way for him.

Labour MPs attacked Mr Levene, Defence Secretary, for appointing Mr Levene, and for permitting Sir Frank Cooper, who retired permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Defence in 1982, to take his place as chairman of United Scientific Holdings.

There were also rumblings on the Conservative benches over the appointment and the manner of its announcement. Some Tory backbenchers were seeing it as yet another "banana skin".

Sir Humphrey Atkins, Mrs Thatcher's former Northern Ireland Secretary, issued a statement as chairman of the all-party Select Committee on Defence calling the appointment of Mr Levene into question.

#### Officials angry

There was scarcely concealed anger among some civil servants at what they saw as the "kitchen sink" approach of Mr David Perry, the present Chief of Defence Procurement, into a less responsible post to make way for Mr Levene who will have a five-year contract.

Mr Perry, 53, will be paid £45,500 as the first Chief of Defence Equipment Collaboration.

Ministers can be expected to argue that Mr Levene's appointment is an imaginative attempt to harness expertise gained during a successful career in the defence equipment industry to getting the

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The Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping greeting Mrs Thatcher yesterday in the Great Hall of the People in Peking.

## Thatcher and Teng toast Hongkong deal

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHAIN-SMOKING and twice using his favourite white spittoon, Teng Hsiao-ping, China's octogenarian leader, genially addressed Mrs Thatcher as 'Your Excellency' as he thanked her in Peking yesterday for realising one of his life's ambitions, the reunification of capitalist Hongkong with Communist China.

They talked quietly for 80 minutes, sitting alongside each other in red armchairs in the cavernous Great Hall of the People, which, the Prime Minister remarked, could probably hold all of Downing Street.

Teng made it clear that while he may have been once denounced as a "capitalist roader", the two leaders were still at the opposite ends of the political spectrum.

Mrs Thatcher called his conception of maintaining Hongkong as a capitalist enclave in China for 50 years as "an idea of genius".

He replied: "The credit should go to the dialectical and historical materialism of Marxism. In the words of Chairman Mao, 'Seek truth from facts'."

Then they walked together along a red-carpeted corridor to a long chamber lit with candelabra for the signing of the handover document, a joint declaration that comes into effect on July 1, 1997.

## QUEEN TO VISIT CHINA

By JENNY SIMPSON

THE QUEEN is in view. China, probably in the second half of 1985, Mrs Thatcher announced yesterday in Peking.

And the Chinese Premier, Zhao Ziyang, has accepted Mrs Thatcher's invitation to visit Britain next June.

Meanwhile Lord Young, Minister without Portfolio, is to lead a high-level economic delegation to China in March.

The Queen's visit will be the first by a British monarch to China, and her second to a Communist country, in 1972 she went to Yugoslavia.

A visit before the second half of 1984 has been ruled out because of the Queen's heavy programme of official duties, which are planned months in advance.

Prince Philip, who is bound to accompany the Queen, has visited several countries behind the Iron Curtain, including Russia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Poland and Yugoslavia.

Buckingham Palace announced in August that the Queen had received an invitation to visit China.

Acceptance of the invitation is being interpreted as setting the seal on the new Sino-British relationship.

#### £1m FOR STARVING

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

The farmers' £1m for Africa appeal launched six months ago yesterday reached its £1 million target. Under it, British farmers' surplus crops contributed the value of a ton of grain which was then used to send grain to African famine areas.

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## Ted Hughes is new Poet Laureate

By ROBIN STRINGER

TED HUGHES, 54, who has worked as a rose gardener, night watchman, film script-reader and teacher, and won acclaim for his poems about nature, is the new Poet Laureate.

His appointment announced yesterday by the Prime Minister's Office with the approval of the Queen carries an annual remuneration of £70 and a case of wine.

Though the Poet Laureate was once expected to produce poems for state occasions on the nod, the title is now seen more as a way of honouring a distinguished poet.

Yorkshire-born Mr Hughes, who enjoys writing children's poetry, said yesterday: "The Crown is the symbol of spiritual unity of the tribe. When that's out of order, so will be the Poet Laureate."

He said he had started to write a poem for Prince Harry's christening but did not know if he would finish it.

In the her of a public house, near his farmhouse home in Devon, he joked: "I have drunk far too much champagne to try to recite anything at the moment."

Mr Hughes added: "I feel under no real pressure to dash off something for the Christening."

He said he would like to produce a poem. "I have some things on paper although some people might not think it is altogether suitable."

"Were I to finish it I would expect opinion to be divided and it to arouse some controversy."

Mr Hughes, a carpenter's son was born to a small family in Mytholmston, a small mill town close to Haworth.

In 1948 he won an open exhibition to Pembroke College, Cambridge, but did two years' National Service in the RAF before going there.

He won the Queen's Medal for Poetry in 1974 and was awarded the OBE in 1977.

He married the American poet, Sylvia Plath, in 1956 and they had a son and a daughter. Sylvia Plath committed suicide in 1965.

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## STERLING KEEPS ON FALLING

By CLIFFORD GERMAN Financial Correspondent

THE pound lost ground against all leading currencies again yesterday and, despite a modest late rally, ended at all-time closing low levels against the dollar and other leading trading currencies.

It finished at \$1.140 in London, down 1.1 c only on the day after giving as low as \$1.135 and sterling's effective index closed 0.5 down at 73.5 per cent of the 1975 level, after briefly touching 73.1 per cent.

Difficulties facing the oil-exporting nations at their meeting in Geneva yesterday reflected on sterling.

Meanwhile share prices continued to reflect optimism over growth prospects and the Financial Times 30-Share Index rose a further 2.7 to another peak of 942.6.

City Comment—P13

## LORD ST OSWALD

Lord St Oswald, a minister in the Macmillan Government, died at his home in Mayfair yesterday aged 88. As Rowland Winn, he was a correspondent for The Daily Telegraph during the Spanish Civil War and was imprisoned in Barcelona under sentence of death.

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## Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Frontal trough over S.E. England with a quick E. in leave most parts in strong W. flow. LONDON, S.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLES: Rain early, becoming mostly dry, with strong W. wind. S.W. moderate to fresh. Max. 50° F. (10°C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: F. G. Ch. 10; Wind S.W. force 6; in E. 8 veering N.W. 4. Sea rough becoming moderate. S.W. Gullies Ch. 10; S.W. 5 or 6; rough becoming moderate.

OBITUARY: Monthly dry, sunny, overcast, with frost.

Weather Maps—P18

## DRINK DRIVERS JAILED

By JOHN SHAW

THREE motorists were sentenced to spend Christmas in prison after being convicted of drink-driving offences at Grays, Essex, yesterday.

They were among five drivers—all unemployed—jailed for drink-driving offences, part of a year-round drive aimed at reducing cases in Grays.

Nine drivers were jailed in the area last year 11 days before Christmas. All but one were detained in the police cells for between two and four days.

Mr Charles Noad, 64, chairman of the magistrates said outside court yesterday: "We are determined to contain the problem and we have certainly reached a plateau."

"Over Christmas and New Year last year there were no cases and as far as I am aware no serious accidents in the Grays area."

"We hope it will be the same this Christmas. We don't want to go back to the old days when motorists persisted in drinking and we had no alternative."

Anthony Paine, 36, from Tilbury, a first offender who was jailed for 42 days, was said by the prosecution to be a three-and-a-half times above the legal limit.

Paine, who had a clean driving licence for 13 years, was breathalysed after falling from his motorcycle and admitted driving with excess alcohol. He was also banned from driving for two years.

Clean record

Robert Hughes, 63, also from Tilbury, was given four days in police cells after admitting driving with excess alcohol. He was also disqualified for two years, fined £100 and ordered to pay £20 costs.

Hughes was said to be two-and-a-half times above the limit. He had had a clean driving record for 46 years.

Brian Warner, 25, from Bechtel, said to be double the limit, was given four days in police cells after admitting driving with excess alcohol. He was also disqualified for two years and fined £100.

Two other motorists, both with a previous drink-driving conviction, were jailed for 28 days and banned for three years. They were, Ronald Buckley, 34, of Bridge Road, Grays, who admitted driving with excess alcohol and Henry McCall, 34, of South Ockendon, Essex, who was said to be nearly three times over the limit.

Maurice Burke, 35, from Grays, was jailed for 28 days after failing to provide a specimen of breath for analysis. He was given an additional three months for driving while disqualified.

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## BOGUS POSTMEN IN £1m GEMS ROBBERY

By Our Crime Staff

Jewellery worth up to £1 million was stolen by three armed men posing as postmen in a raid on NCC a manufacturing jewellers, in New Bond Street, yesterday.

The raiders handcuffed the firm's Israeli manager and his British secretary. The manager was taken to hospital and the contents were scooped into a post bag.

Mr Jenkin's speech was frequently diverted into answers to protesting MPs and into a slanging match across the divide with Dr John Cunningham, Shadow Environment Secretary.

The Speaker, Mr Wetherill, repeatedly had to call for order and Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, sitting beside Mr Jenkin, several times gave

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## ITN FILM SEIZED BY S. AFRICANS

By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

South African security police armed with search warrants raided the Johannesburg offices of the British television network, Independent Television News (ITN) yesterday and seized 35 video cassettes covering black unrest and protests.

Summons to F.O.

The Foreign Office summoned South Africa's Charges d'Affaires, Mr Leo Evans last night to explain the Johannesburg raid. An ITN spokesman said they were sending a stiff protest to the South African ambassador, and would consider showing film taken by their staff of the raid.

## CIVIL SERVANTS SNUB MINERS

By Our Industrial Staff

Members of the largest Whitehall union, the Civil and Public Services Association, have blocked a move by their Left-wing national executive to make £5,000-a-month donations to the miners' strike fund as well as a £100,000 loan.

In a ballot 12,728 members voted in favour of the executive's recommendation, but 30,252 rejected the idea. A further 2,541 abstained.

Executive loses case—P2

## LAWFORD IN COMA

By Our Staff Correspondent in Los Angeles

Peter Lawford, 61, the British-born film actor formerly married to President Kennedy's sister, Patricia, slipped into a coma and was in critical condition yesterday at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. He is said to be suffering from kidney failure and liver disease.

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## Woman's 5 days in Libya jail last 14 months

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

EFFORTS are to be made today to secure the release of a British woman who has spent 14 months in a Libyan jail after being sentenced to five days imprisonment.

Mrs Suweisi, in her late 30s, comes from Salisbury, Wiltshire, and was arrested in October 1983, after what appeared to be a domestic row, technically on an adultery charge.

Mr Suweisi, in her late 30s, was married to a Libyan who met in Britain. She went with her husband to Tripoli when he went back to his own country, and had two children.

Embassy told

After serving her five-day term, she found that her husband and his Libyan family refused to allow her to return to the home she had in the Libyan capital.

Reports that a British woman was in prison were first given to the British Embassy in Rome by an Italian woman who had seen her.

But it was not until Nov. 21 this year, according to the Foreign Office, that Mrs Suweisi was actually identified and her whereabouts ascertained.

However, Mrs Suweisi, whose maiden name was Susan Buckley, was able to let her brother know she needed help. He told

#### Church envoy's vigil—P4



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# NUM FAILS TO STOP RULES CHANGE MOVE

By **TERENCE SHAW** Legal Correspondent

THE National Union of Mineworkers yesterday lost a High Court legal battle to stop the union's Nottinghamshire area council from voting today on proposed rule changes that will give the area union greater autonomy.

After an all-day hearing in London that continued into the evening, Mr Justice WARNER refused to grant the NUM a temporary injunction to prevent the meeting being held or to force its postponement until Friday.

At the meeting today it is expected that the rule changes already backed by 24 of the area's 31 branches, will be approved by a large majority.

The main proposal is to remove rule 30 of the area's constitution which provides that there is conflict between the national and local area rules, national area rules shall prevail.

In evidence read to the court yesterday, Mr Justice WARNER said that the NUM's general secretary, Mr Norman Willis, said the purpose of the proposed amendments was to give the Nottinghamshire area autonomy and independence from the NUM.

If that was allowed to happen, the structure of the union, as it had existed for 40 years, would be "in grave peril."

**Breach of rules**

The application for an injunction to stop the meeting had been brought by the NUM, two miners, Mr James Downes and Mr George Spencer, and four of the union's other areas including Durham and the coalfield's group.

Their counsel, Mr Stuart SHIELDS, QC, had argued that what the Nottinghamshire area proposed to do was clear breach of national union rules and their local area's contractual arrangement with the national union.

The alleged breach of contract was denied by Mr Norman Willis, QC, who was appearing for the Nottinghamshire union. He claimed that the arrangements entered into between the national union and its constituent unions in the 1940s could not be taken to have constituted a legally enforceable contract.

He also claimed that breaches of the rules by the national union in recent months during the miners' strike entitled the Nottinghamshire area to take the action it was proposing. Rejecting the NUM's application for an injunction pending a full trial, Mr Justice WARNER said it was not for him to say

whether the points taken by the defence could be established at the trial but they raised triable issues.

Earlier in the hearing, he had ruled that the NUM could argue its case, even though it was in contempt over defiance of court orders which has led to the sequestration of its assets.

Mr Justice WARNER had argued that the union should not be heard in the injunction application because its contempt was not technical or procedural, but "persistent, deliberate and flagrant."

In coming to court without purging its contempt or offering any apology, it was "picking and choosing" which part of the legal system it was going to obey and "which part it was going to use."

**'IT COULD LAST YEARS'**

**Sombre report to TUC**

OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF writes: The pit strike "could go on for years" unless there is a negotiated settlement, Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said yesterday.

The Government had still not realised, he said, that "tens of thousands" of NUM members, supported by their families, would never go back if the 10-month-old dispute developed into a war of attrition.

Mr Willis insisted he was not scaremongering. "It really could happen."

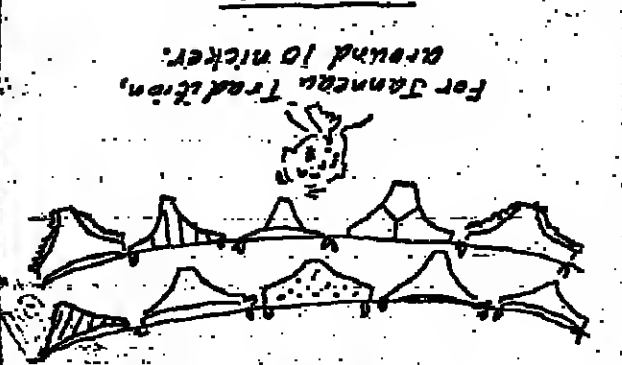
He was speaking after having given the TUC general council what he described as a "sombre report" on his meeting with Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, last week, when he sought new negotiations between the union and the National Coal Board.

The Nottinghamshire area executive of the NUM voted 10:1 yesterday in favour of a resolution seeking the resignation of Mr Henry Richardson, the area's general secretary, as one of the two representatives on the union's national executive.

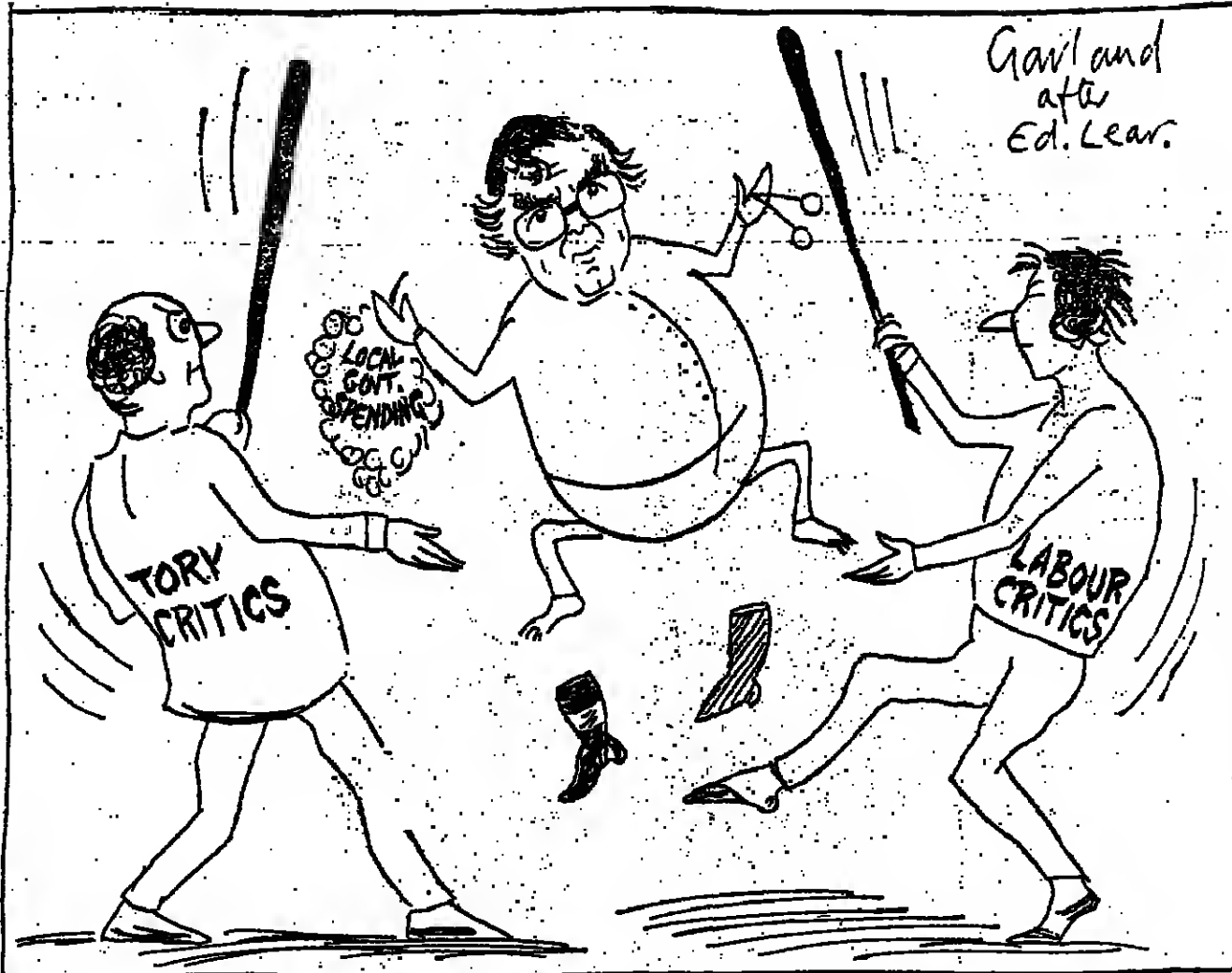
## WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO PAY FOR A VERY OLD BRANDY?



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## WORKING MINER SACKED

By **JOHN WILLIAMS**

A MINER who helped lead the return to work at Markham Main colliery, near Doncaster, has been sacked by the coal board for taking home a vandalised telephone belonging to the board.

Only three months ago, Mr George Macdonald, 37, a face worker, was hailed a hero for his stand against "bullying threats and attacks on his home at Wheatley Hall, Doncaster."

But it was disclosed yesterday that a letter had been sent to him by the pit management saying that he had been dismissed for stealing the telephone.

Mr Macdonald said he found it while helping to clear up vandalised pit offices.

**Lost everything**

He had helped to carry much of the smashed equipment to be burnt on a bonfire, but took the telephone home and spent £5 on repairs.

"I may have been stupid, but I never thought I would get the sack for this," he said yesterday.

Now Mr Macdonald, whose wife, Barbara, has threatened to walk out saying she "can't take any more," claims that he has lost everything.

"My wife says the pressure is just too much for her. This was the final straw, she said, and said she would be leaving before Christmas."

"I looked upon the coal board as my life, then this happened. I have been stupid and everything I suffered has been in vain."

"I should have asked to take the telephone, I expected a severe reprimand or fine from the board, but never the sack."

Mr Macdonald, who says he is still receiving death threats, and has had three undertakers sent to his door, is planning to consult a solicitor and to send a direct appeal to Mr Macgregor, the coal board chairman.

**McGAHEY'S SON FINED £100**

Michael McGahey, son of the Scottish miners' president, was yesterday fined £100 after being convicted of two picketing offences in June at a colliery in Fife.

McGahey, of Glasshill Terrace, Portluc, near Edinburgh, was fined at Dunfermline Sheriff Court after he struggled with police, forcing them on to the main road, or that he forced the lorries to stop at Cartmore open cast mine, Lochgelly. He said he was caught up in a sudden surge forward by the pickets.

**POWER PRICES TO RISE IN SPRING**

By **Our Business Correspondent**

BRITISH Gas yesterday confirmed a 5.1 per cent. rise in tariffs in February as the Government announced new financial targets for the electricity industry, which will mean rises of around 4.5 per cent. in power tariffs in April.

The increase in gas tariffs was coupled with a pledge that there would be no further rises next year.

British Gas said that the increase in bills would average out at 4.2 per cent. after taking into account the continued freeze in the quarterly standing charge.

The basic tariff is going up from 35.2p a therm to 37p for credit customers. For households with meters the charge after the special rate for the first 39 therms will be also up by 1.8p to 39.5p.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, announced in a Commons written answer that the electricity industry's financial target would be raised to a 2.75 per cent. average return on net assets for a three year period. The industry is also being asked to reduce costs by 6 per cent. over the period.

## Union members urged to back political funds

By **OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF**

THE TUC launched a campaign yesterday to persuade trade unionists to vote in favour of maintaining union political funds when ballots become compulsory next March.

But in an effort to isolate the issue from party politics they are playing down the importance of the funds to the future financial well-being of the Labour party.

Instead the campaign will emphasise the use of such designated political resources by unions to pursue their own sectoral campaigns. The catchphrase will be "Say Yes to a Voice."

**Total income**

Without such funds the Civil Service unions would not be able to carry on their fight to re-establish their rights at GCHQ, it is claimed. And the local government union Nalgo would not have been able to campaign against council spending cuts.

Mr Bill Keys, general secretary of Sogat 82, the print union, who is heading the TUC campaign, said: "This must be seen as a non-party political matter. It is nothing to do with the future of the Labour party."

## Supergrass setback will not stop RUC

By **KENNETH CLARKE** in Belfast

THE Royal Ulster Constabulary will continue to use the controversial "supergrass" system despite the setback received on Tuesday when Northern Ireland's Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry, acquitted 35 people held on the word of an informer, Raymond Gilmour.

The Judge ruled that Gilmour, who said he was paid up to £120 a week for his information, could not be believed. Yesterday, some of those who had been in custody for more than two years because of what Gilmour told the RUC said they were considering taking the issue to the European Court of Human Rights.

At a Press conference several of them said it was their duty to fight against the "supergrass" means of putting people behind bars. They also voiced fears that they may "be shot to kill" if they were to be released.

**Went to Cyprus**

When the Gilmour trial opened in May it was the highest criminal case in British legal history involving more than 180 terrorist offences. Originally 40 people were arrested but only 35 stood trial.

Raymond Gilmour had been a police informer since 1973, infiltrating both the IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army. The people he implicated were charged with a range of offences including murder, conspiracy to murder, bombings and possessing weapons.

He, his wife Lorraine, and two children were given police protection and at one stage they went to Cyprus where, it was claimed, Palestinian workers at the behest of the IRA tracked Gilmour down.

His wife returned to their home in Londonderry last year, but is now believed to be with her husband and one daughter, Dymona, somewhere in the North of England.

Still only 24, Gilmour has been sentenced to death by both the IRA and the INLA. Even his father has threatened to kill him.

**RIVER SEARCHED**

Hunt for Maze escapee

Police from across the Bannagh river, on the Co. Fermanagh border, yesterday hunted for a 19-year-old escapee, a member of the Provisional IRA on the run from

A Danish chaser carrying 200 tons of Christmas toys and clothes for "striking miners" children was unloaded at Hull yesterday. The cargo was assembled by families of Danish seamen.

## JENKIN CUTS CURB CONTRACTS

By **JOHN GRIGSBY** Local Government Correspondent

NO new contracts for building council houses or demolishing slums will be let next year as a result of the announcement on Tuesday by Mr Jenkin, Environment Secretary, of further controls on capital spending, councils and builders said yesterday.

Conservative and Labour-controlled councils joined the construction industry in condemning the move.

Following Treasury pressure, Mr Jenkin effectively cut £1,000 million from the spending potential of local councils by cutting the proportion of their capital receipts which they can now spend.

Councils will only be able to spend 20 per cent. of the money they receive from the sale of houses, mostly council houses, next year, compared with 40 per cent. over. They will be able to spend only 50 per cent. of the money they get from the sale of other assets, instead of 50 per cent. over.

**Flexibility lost**

The cap will reduce the potential available for the councils to top up their Government-limited allocations from accumulated receipts for capital projects, including council house building, slum clearance, the erection of schools, offices and advance factories, from £5,000 million to £4,000 million.

It will rob the councils of much of the flexibility they now legally have to breach the cash limits imposed by the Government.

This year, councils, housing associations and new towns are expected to start work on just under 30,000 new homes, many of them for the old and disabled.

Speculative house builders expect to start work on about 155,000. But the total figure is still short of the total of 200,000 to 250,000 new homes a year which past studies have indicated is required to meet the growth in population and the increase in small families.

**United front**

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, the Labour Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Building Employers' Confederation are united in fighting the Government on the issue.

The confederation estimated yesterday that the £1,000 million cap would mean 480,000 improvement grants or 75,000 new public sector homes. Either option would create 225,000 new jobs in the building industry.

The Government is working on the following figures: Councils would be likely to spend, with the aid of accumulated capital receipts, £5,000 million next year without the cap. They are now likely to spend just over £4,000 million in line with the target figures.

Of the total, capital spending on housing is expected to total £3,855 million next year. Local councils will get £2,334 million, housing associations £885 million, new towns £43 million and home loans will account for £3 million.

But local authorities complain that the make-up of the figures means that they will be forced to use accumulated capital receipts to fund their building programme and many do not have the money available.

The Government accepts that the capital receipts from the sale of council houses and other property belong to the local councils. Since 1919, when Lloyd George launched the housing programme of "Homes Fit for Heroes," the councils have financed their capital spending by borrowing.

**COUNCIL JOBS GO**

A Tory council is set to cut 100 jobs, says a report by the City Council, Kent, say redundancies are necessary here as a fall in work on council houses.

## RAF jet trainer replacements still fail specifications

By **Maj-Gen. Edward Fursdon** Defence Correspondent

NONE of the four contending aircraft to replace the Jet Provost as the RAF's new jet trainer actually meet the RAF's specification in every detail, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

But the two still in the competition — the Swiss Pilatus PC-9, to be built by British Aerospace, and the Brazilian Embraer Tucano, which Short's of Belfast would manufacture — would require only minimal changes to meet them.

The contract at stake is worth £200 million.

Mr Adam Buller, Defence Procurement Minister, told the Commons on Tuesday that the British contender, the Hunting Firecracker, and the Australian A-20 Wamira, with which Westlands were associated, had both been rejected as a result of technical and financial evaluation.

But he emphasised that the option of refurbishing the RAF's existing Jet Provost fleet was still a viable one which had its attractions to meet the RAF's requirements — not least that of cost.

**Spring decision**

But Hunting, who make the Firecracker, said yesterday very emphatically that "this is certainly not the end of the road as far as we are concerned. We are absolutely mystified as to why we have been written off."

Tenders for the four aircraft were received on October 15, and as a result of evaluation the Central Defence Committee made its recommendations to the Minister in early December.

On Tuesday Mr Butler announced that, in order to clarify and amplify certain aspects of their tenders, he was now asking British Aerospace and Shorts to submit their final best tenders for their two aircraft.

The decision as to which the RAF will eventually fulfil its requirement of 250 aircraft (plus an option on 15 more) and to come into service by 1989, is now not expected until early Spring.

The prime consideration reflected in the Minister's decision, the spokesman said, is to obtain a cost-effective aircraft which meets the RAF's needs. The broader economic, employment and sales potential aspects of the four aircraft were also key criteria which had been carefully examined.

In fact all the four contenders aircraft incorporated a number of British components.

The Firecracker and Wamira tenders had been considerably more expensive however, he continued, as the RAF view was that both the PC-9 and the Tucano were better able to perform the training task currently undertaken by the Jet Provost.

It had to be accepted, however, that a turbo-prop solution meant that additional post-training pilot hours had to be flown on the Jet Provost. But overall, a turbo-prop Hawk jet package would be cheaper than an all-jet one.

Having chosen Firecracker would certainly have meant more jobs in Britain, but this was only one of the factors in the rejection decision.

The Ministry also believed that "very satisfactory arrangements could be arrived at" with the foreign companies sponsoring the two remaining competing aircraft as regards export sales which could reach 500-600 aircraft.

Both Hunting and Westlands will be told why their tenders were not successful, the spokesman said, and the Government of Australia, Switzerland and Brazil had already been informed of the situation.

The two unsuccessful companies would not be invited to tender, but "anything they wish to submit will be treated on its merits."

**Goalposts moved**

Mr Colin Waite, Hunting spokesman, said that the RAF had been very clear on its requirements, and he now wondered whether they had been subsequently changed "like moving the goalposts during the game."

He also wanted to know how Firecracker had been ruled out on cost. "There are no second prizes in this competition," and we are still aiming for first prize.

Firecracker was the result of a private money investment project, not in any way subsidised by the Government.

"Our aircraft met the specification, was cost-effective, created jobs and had great export prospects. It was not a 'paper aircraft,' but one already flying now — operating at twice the rate demanded by the RAF and successfully training foreign military pilots here in Britain."

"Yesterday's decision puts the defence procurement policy of buying British; if the product is right in quality and price, it is a no-brainer. What export fills for Switzerland and Brazil?" said Mr Waite.

**Euro-fighter doomed, Jane's forecasts**

By **Air Cdre G. S. COOPER** Air Correspondent

THE European fighter aircraft, due to fly in 1990, is widely expected to be abandoned long before then in the face of five-nation failure to compromise, JANE'S ALL THE WORLD'S AIRCRAFT 1984-85 reports in its 75th edition, published today.

Mr John Taylor, who has edited the catalogue of aircraft for the last 25 years, says in his foreword that the larger nations are moving forward into the new field of information-integrating microprocessors. Hands on knees, the pilot will be able to command his aircraft to take action in attack, avoidance, and weapon management, simply by telling the computers what he wants to do.

However, although the Russians appear to be closing the technological gap, the Americans are moving forward into the new field of information-integrating microprocessors. Hands on knees, the pilot will be able to command his aircraft to take action in attack, avoidance, and weapon management, simply by telling the computers what he wants to do.

Whoever edits Jane's between years 2025 and 2050 may live to learn wholly new technologies associated with boost glide vehicles," says Mr Taylor.

"These are foreseen as aircraft that would enter Earth orbit, dive on their targets at above 17,000 mph, and then return to low orbit. Work on such vehicles could begin three years from now."

Included in this 948-page edition is a condensed version of Mr Taylor's lecture presented before the Royal Aeronautical Society, Belfast Branch, as the fifth Short Brothers' Commemorative Lecture. The article covers the history of Jane's All The World's Aircraft since the first edition in 1909.

**CRUISE DOUBTS**

'Soviet silos, too hard'

Soviet missile silos are now so tough they can withstand the force of ballistic missiles targeted on them, JANE'S says. Mr Taylor writes:

"If the launch of over 1,000 of the mightiest intercontinental ballistic missiles could not ensure military success while the firing of even one submarine-launched or cruise missile could provoke overwhelming response against civilian targets, it is clear that a nation like the UK gains nothing by possessing such weapons or by having them handed on its coasts."

JANE'S All The World's Aircraft 1984-85, Jane's Publishing Co., 250, City Road, London EC1Y 2RU, £60.

**SHORTER WEEK**

More than 200 production workers at the H B Baker Buns factory at North Walsham, Norfolk, are to be put on a three-day week in January because of high stock levels.



# 'She never took drugs' says Lord Gormanston

## HEROIN DEATH MYSTERY OF PEER'S WIFE

By A. J. MALKROY

A MIXTURE of heroin and cocaine killed Viscountess Gormanston, 29, wife of Ireland's premier viscount, a pathologist told a Westminster inquest yesterday. But how, when and where she took the drugs remains a mystery.

She was found dead by a police patrol in the back of a car in a Belgrave mews after she and her husband had been celebrating his 45th birthday by going to two late-night parties.

My wife never took drugs," Lord GORMANSTON, said in evidence.

But the pathologist, Dr IAN WEST, said her body contained 0.64 milligrammes of morphine per litre of blood, as well as cocaine. Morphine is produced when heroin is broken down in the body.

Lord Gormanston, a Conservative peer, sat impassively, arms folded, as the coroner, Dr PAUL KNAPMAN, recorded a verdict that Lady Gormanston, a well-educated and a mother of two, died from non-dependent abuse of drugs.

The coroner described the case as "a melancholy illustration of what could happen following an evening at a party, and said: "The Lord Chief Justice himself has recently drawn attention to the dangers concerned with what heroin and morphine can do."

He said that after listening to all the evidence "one thing is conspicuous in its absence—and that is how she came by the heroin and cocaine."

At the end of the 95-minute inquest Lord Gormanston, was driven away by Mr Alexander Butler, 27, the company director who had hired the first party on the night of the death, Nov. 17.

**Vodka for him, whisky for her**

Lord Gormanston said in evidence that he and his wife, Eva, left their home in Dalmey House, Thurloe Place, South Kensington at 10 p.m. for Mr Butler's party in Notting Hill. He drank vodka at the party, and thought his wife had whisky.

Asked if anyone had taken drugs at that party, he replied: "No."

As they left, his wife, remarked that she had been sick twice but she seemed perfectly in control of herself.

The coroner asked him if there might be any heroin or cocaine at his home. "I should think it very unlikely," said Lord Gormanston. He had never known his wife take heroin



Lady Eva—traces of drugs in the body.

Mr Brian Walsh

or cocaine, and as they left the party there was nothing to make him suspect that she had been taking drugs.

At the second party, at the home of Mr Brian Walsh, a friend and antique dealer, in Fulham, his wife went downstairs to rest.

"It was not an uncommon occurrence that, having got to a party, she would get bored and go to have a rest," Lord Gormanston said. But there was no indication that she was unwell, and she did not say so.

Lord Gormanston said he had champagne fell asleep and woke up at 4 a.m. He went to get his wife, who was downstairs, and found her lying with her head between the wall and the mattress of the bed.

He tried to straighten her and went to get Mr Walsh. "I was more concerned then about my wife than I had been on previous occasions," he said.

He telephoned Mrs Gwendoline D'Ursi, another friend, and asked to take her there with Mr Walsh driving.

**Police patrol**

It was while Mr Walsh was driving Lord and Lady Gormanston, she in the back seat, that a police patrol became suspicious when the car made a U-turn and the driver appeared to be uncertain where he was going.

The police checked the licence number with the central computer and "within a minute" had the identity of the owner as a woman from Essex.

Police officers told the coroner that Mr Walsh had been unable to provide proof of identity when questioned after the car had stopped outside the home of Mrs D'Ursi in Ebury Mews East, Belgrave.

Mr Walsh had produced a wallet containing a large amount of cash but no identification. He was arrested "because he could not prove his ownership of the car."

## ILEA advertisements illegal, judge rules

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE Inner London Education Authority's £750,000 publicity campaign against rate-capping is illegal, Mr Justice GLIDWELL ruled in the High Court yesterday.

Some observers thought last night that the decision led inescapably to the conclusion that the GLC's £10,200,000 publicity campaign against the Government plan to abolish it is also unlawful.

The action brought by Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council against ILEA was the first direct challenge to the legality of the GLC's advertising campaign.

The judge said ILEA had wrongly sought to persuade the public to the authority's own viewpoint. This was an irrelevant consideration, outside the powers granted the authority under the 1972 Local Government Act.

**Designed to persuade**

Informing the public would have been legal under the Act, but the judge said some of the ILEA campaign's advertising slogans contained little or no information and were "designed to persuade."

This is true, in particular in my view, of the poster slogan "Education Cuts Never Heal," which I think it is "designed to persuade."

It is also true of the advertisement "What do you get if you subtract 250 million from London's education budget?"

Mr Patrick Kinnear, Westminster's representative on the ILEA finance committee, said she was "absolutely delighted"

## Brittan to get report on Evans

By ALAN COPPS

THE Home Office is to review arrangements for checking the background of both volunteers and paid social workers who come into contact with young children following the case of Colin Evans.

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, announced yesterday that he had asked for a report from the Home Office on the case of Evans, the killer of four-year-old Marie Payne, who was introduced as a social worker by Mr Peter Southerton, a probation officer, and went on to molest children while baby-sitting.

"I view the sadistic or sexual murder of children as among the very worst categories of murder rightly resulting in the longest term of imprisonment," said Mr Brittan.

"I should make it clear now that it is the duty of probation officers dealing with child sex offenders to take every step to prevent contact with children."

"I am, however, taking steps to ensure that this duty is as strict as possible and to avoid any possible repetition of this lamentable episode."

The disclosure of Evans' activities before he murdered Marie Payne brought demands from MPs of all parties for better vetting of social workers, and from several Tory MPs for the dismissal of Mr Southerton.

The existing Home Office circular about access to criminal records is regarded as vague, and Berkshire Social Services department has called for local authorities to be given a statutory right to check the past of volunteers.

**Avoid temptation**

One idea to be put forward by Mr Brittan is that all ex-offenders finding work, whether voluntary or paid, should be notified to prospective employers.

The suggestion comes from the Apex Charitable Trust, which specialises in finding jobs for ex-offenders.

In the past year the trust has found jobs for 900 ex-offenders and says that only one per cent have subsequently offended against their employers.

Meanwhile, it was confirmed that Evans had written from his cell in Wormwood Scrubs to the family of three girls whom he sexually abused and offered them his household goods.

The father of the family said he had accepted Evans' offer of free television. "As we live on the breadline there was no hope of getting a colour TV."

"But there is a way by which we have forgiven that man. He is a nasty evil man. He is vermin."

In his letter to the family, written before his 50-year sentence, Evans said he expected to spend so long in jail that he would have to further use for the rest of his life.

**WATER THROWN OVER POLICE WATCHING BANK**

A British Telecom engineer kept three men he suspected of being bank robbers under observation for a few hours, then went home, got a bucket of water, and threw it over them. But Victor McCann, found himself in trouble because the men were detectives keeping observation on the bank.

McCann, 46, of Hackney Road, was arrested and at Thames court yesterday was found guilty of assaulting the officers and given a one-month prison sentence suspended for a year.

Mr Peter Badger, magistrate, told McCann: "Four weeks afterwards there was a robbery at the bank, and what you did, what you did, was to cause the greatest danger to the public."

**MOTHER'S LOVE TIPS SCALES IN CUSTODY CASE**

In custody cases where mother and father are equal in what the child needs, the mother is more likely to win custody, Lord Justice Purchas said in the Appeal Court yesterday.

Telling that a divorced mother should have custody of her four-year-old son, he made it clear that a mother's love can tip the scales. "Where other things are equal, with a child aged five, in times of illness, stress and anxiety, where comfort is needed, the mother is usually the appropriate custodial person."

He and Lord Justice Oliver dismissed the father's appeal against the earlier ruling that the mother should have custody of the boy.

**BOMB ATTACK TORY GOES HOME**

Mr Donald Maclean, Scottish Conservative party president, who was injured in the Brighton bomb attack, was released from hospital yesterday.

Mr Maclean, whose wife, Mrs Maclean, was also injured in the blast, had been receiving treatment for ankle injuries in Glasgow's western infirmary.

**SNOWDON DEATH**

The body of a girl student killed in a 1,000ft fall from Snowdon was recovered by helicopter yesterday. Susan Whiting, 21, of Edgewater, Middleton, Cn. Cork, Ireland, had been walking with three friends on Watkin's Path when she slipped and fell.

## A father's photo ends hotel evil of child-sex pervert

A CHILD molester who admitted pursuing victims three or four times a week for three years was jailed by an Old Bailey judge yesterday with the warning: "You represent an evil which must be cut out of society."

Mr Justice KENNETH PHILLIPS, who jailed Marie Payne's killer, Colin Evans, for 30 years on Monday, told STEPHEN PHILLIPS:

"It is a blessing to this great city that you can now be removed from it."

The deliberation you brought to the commission of these offences is appalling," Phillips, 25, said seven years.

A former hotel porter and chef, he used to prowl the streets near hotels in the West End and Kensington seeking his prey.

**Suspicious doctor**

Many of his victims were the children of tourists. He would ask them to help him carry parcels or cases into an hotel, then assault them on landings or fire escapes.

Yet he was only caught in September when he chatted to the two young daughters of a German doctor in Hyde Park.

The father, suspicious, secretly photographed him and sent the pictures to Scotland Yard.

A policeman recognised Phillips, a one-time male prostitute, of West End Lane, Kilburn, who had convictions for sex offences. He was arrested, and confessed.

Yesterday he admitted assaults on ten children aged from 7 to 12.

Mr Geoffrey MARCH, prosecuting, said Phillips told detectives: "My mind just goes blank, and I am just disgusted when I realise what I have done."

"I got these sexual urges, and I can't control myself," Mr PHILLIPS said, defending himself. Phillips, 25, said, "disgust, contempt and sorrow."

After becoming a male prostitute, he had taken part in "some form of orgy with young children" in Cambridge for money.

"It is really since that period that he has quite clearly been unable at times to control what he himself says is disgusting conduct."

Five others, including the two French couriers, pleaded guilty.

They are JOEL LEFEVRE, 35, Frenchman, 32, both living in Brussels; THOMAS DANIELS, 64, of Portland Place, Marylebone; ALFRED HAINES, 61, of Queen's Road, Peckham; and DAVID RYAN, 24, of Beaconsfield Road, Chiswick.

Another man, Benjamin Gibbins, 33, of Upper Montagu Street, Marylebone, died in September before the trial began.

**DALGLISH ROBBED**

Kenny DalGLISH, the Liverpool and Scotland footballer, has been robbed of souvenirs from his club's record-breaking 1985-1986 season. Pairs of socks, including his European Cup, League Championship and Milk Cup winners' mementos.

## 'Lack of liaison' over fatal hotel gas blast

LACK of liaison at Scottish Gas contributed to a hotel blast which killed six people, Sheriff Principal STRAWAT BELLA said yesterday.

In his findings, published after a week-long fatal accident inquiry, he said that "a meter governor should have been fitted to the hotel's gas supply."

He added: "Lack of liaison led to a significant delay in taking positive action to fit a meter governor. I have found that if a meter governor or governors had been fitted, the explosion would probably have been prevented."

The confusion concerning the Royal Darnley Hotel in Cuthbert, Aberdeen, was between the distribution and service departments.

A meter governor, which helps to control pressure, was to be fitted at the 67-bedroom hotel around the time of the explosion and one was delivered a mile away of the blast by a Dundee Scottish Gas team who came to help.

The findings said that it was quite clear that the explosion, in October last year, was triggered off by the fracturing of an impulse pipe half a mile away, where Scottish Gas workers were carrying out underground repairs.

This released medium pressure gas into the hotel's low pressure system which burst the hotel meters and ignited.

Sheriff Bell said that the workers should have been supervised by someone who knew how to deal with such a situation, a basic precaution which might also have prevented the blast.

## Hospital baby died after feed overdose

AN eight-day-old baby died in a hospital's special care baby unit after being given an overdose of fluids, an inquest at Bristol heard yesterday.

JOHNATHAN CASEY, nine weeks premature and suffering from a rare muscle wasting disease, died after liquid food from an intravenous drip was pumped into him at more than 10 times the prescribed rate.

The drip was set to deliver the fluid at the rate of one hour, said Dr Brian Spencer, consultant paediatrician at Bristol's Southmead Hospital. But, half an hour after nurses checked the rate of flow, the machine's alarm sounded and it was discovered that 5ml had been pumped into the baby's bloodstream.

The baby's heart failed for a time, then his breathing, and despite the efforts of doctors and nurses, he died 20 hours later in his mother's arms.

In a statement read in the inquest, Mrs Theresa Casey, of Henfield Way, Hanham, Bristol, said she told her son's death "might have been averted if his life prolonged if his progress and medication had been properly monitored."

**Few survived**

Dr SUMRAT, said Johnathon was suffering from myotonic dystrophy and half of such babies died within two weeks of birth. Those that survived were incapable of an independent existence.

Dr PETER BERRY, a paediatric pathologist said Johnathon died from respiratory failure due to myotonic dystrophy. Contributory factors were premature birth and the administration of an excess of intravenous fluid.

The coroner, DONALD HAWKINS, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

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# Allies could have a share in project, says Weinberger

## E SPACE DEFENCE P 'COULD PROTECT U WEST EUROPE'

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

MR. CASPAR WEINBERGER, America's Defence Secretary claimed yesterday that the proposed American system of space defences against incoming missiles would be just as effective in protecting Western Europe as in shielding North America from attack.

The system might "secure earlier success against medium-range missiles," such as the Soviet SS-20s now targeted on Europe, he told foreign correspondents.

Mr Weinberger delivered a ringing endorsement of the so-called Strategic Defence Initiative and denied that either Mrs Thatcher or Chancellor Kohl of West Germany opposed it.

He conceded that President Mitterrand of France had made "some statements that sound relatively negative."

Despite his enthusiasm for the SDI project, Mr Weinberger nevertheless declared that he would not exclude bargaining with Russia on the subject. On his London visit Mr Gorbachev, he called for a halt to the arms race in space and American testing of anti-satellite and anti-missile weapons.

### Research stage

"If you could destroy SS-20s by non-nuclear means you would have a much better and more hopeful world," Mr Weinberger declared.

He emphasised that the scheme was still in the research stage and there was as yet no certainty that it would prove feasible, although he had every confidence that this would be the case.

European allies could be given a share in the project, he said.

We need all the help we can get in this. This is a massive task and there are a great many European, Japanese and other technologies that we use every day and I have very high hopes that there will be a strong worldwide movement to work together on this technology and development programme."

Mr Weinberger said it was quite wrong for critics to argue that pursuit of the SDI would tend to "decouple" America from Europe.

He disputed the charge that the American project violated the 1972 American-Russian anti-ballistic missile treaty. He counter-argued that a new Russian radar system was "almost certainly in violation" of the treaty.

To an apparent indirect swipe at Mr Gorbachev's call for a moratorium on American space-weapon testing, he said that the process of reducing nuclear arms would not be aided by a Russian or unfurnished rhetoric aimed at forcing unilateral restraint upon the United States.

Earlier yesterday the White House responded to Russian demands for American moves to check the arms race by promising that the United States would be flexible in next month's Geneva superpower meeting.

Evidently anxious to hunt the impact of Mr Gorbachev's conciliatory statements in London, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said America was "encouraged that the Soviets are willing to enter a dialogue."

Mr Gorbachev's remarks on the need to head off an arms race to space and reduce nuclear weapons have attracted wide attention in the American Press.

Mr Speakes, replied to Mr Gorbachev by reading a prepared statement that avoided specifics.

Washington expected the Jan. 7-8 meeting between Mr Shultz, the secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, his Russian counterpart, to involve "intense dis-

## 'Star Wars' ridicule for Reagan

By ADRIAN BERRY Science Correspondent

DEFENDERS of President Reagan's plan to put defensive weapons in space are becoming increasingly dismayed by what they regard as the pejorative description "Star Wars."

They believe that the phrase "Star Wars" was deliberately coined to throw ridicule on the project by suggesting that Mr Reagan was proposing to do things that are wildly extravagant, physically impossible, or both.

The reason for this suspicion lies in the actual contents of the popular 1977 science fiction film "Star Wars," which depicted a rebellion against a galactic empire headed by the evil magician Darth Vader.

Vader, in order to terrorise his enemies, used a single beam, fired from space, to cause an earth-sized planet to explode into fragments.

### Physically impossible

Every scientist who has seen the film and whom I have interviewed agreed that this feat was physically impossible, since no conceivable sort of beam could have such a destructive effect.

The film also showed space warships, filled with soldiers, blazing away at each other with similarly destructive beams and rocketing about the galaxy much faster than the speed of light, in violation of Einstein's theory of relativity.

"I believe the title 'Star Wars' was applied to the President's plan to give the false impression that he thought the United States could do these crazy things," a supporter of the plan said yesterday.

"In reality, all that is proposed is that unmanned satellites in earth orbit may be able to disable some 80 per cent. of Soviet missiles before they could reach their targets which would deter the Russians from attacking."

"Judging from the present rate of technical progress, the United States could achieve this defence, perhaps soon after the turn of the century, without any recourse to the mythical powers of Darth Vader."

## Shuttle mission leak upset for Weinberger

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

AN attempt by the Pentagon to keep secret the objective of next month's mission of the space shuttle Discovery was thwarted yesterday when the WASHINGTON POST and other newspapers, news agencies and television networks gave details of the military payload that is to be carried into orbit.

Discovery's main task will be to place a military spy satellite over the Soviet Union.

Mr Casper Weinberger, Defence Secretary, said yesterday that the Washington Post's decision to publish the report of the satellite was "the height of journalistic irresponsibility."

While others had previously said they would not publish, the Post felt they simply had to run the story.

Mr Weinberger added that he thought the Post had "violated national security."

The satellite, one of the "SIGINT" (for signals intelligence) series, will be used to monitor Russian missile tests and radio, telephone and satellite transmissions.

### Pentagon 'gag'

The disclosure amounts to a partial breach of the most right of America's manned space flight programme. Discovery's flight is due to begin on Jan. 23.

At a news conference on Monday, Brig. Gen. Richard Abel, of the Pentagon, warned the Press against "speculation" about the mission, citing the need to keep it secret from the Russians. "The more information they have, the easier it is for them to counter the capability of those payloads," he said.

Three news organisations that had acquired details of the mission were asked out to publish.

But yesterday newspaper executives voiced concern over the Pentagon's "gag," saying that it came at a time of legitimate concern over the so-called "militarisation" of space. Some decided to publish on the grounds that data was available in technical journals and at Congressional hearings.

News agencies and television networks gave details of the satellite after the Washington Post broke the story.

### Extraordinary steps

In addition, it seems unlikely that the Russians would not have been able to deduce what the Discovery's payload would be. The Air Force said earlier this year that this flight would include a special engine required for placing satellites in geosynchronous orbit, meaning that they remain above one spot on the earth.

Only three types of American satellite — early warning, communications and "sigint" — are placed in such orbits.

Officials had said previously that a new early warning satellite would not be launched for some years and a communica-



The Kremlin's No. 2 meets Labour's No. 1 — Mr Gorbachev with Mr Kinnock outside the Commons yesterday.

## Gorbachev opens door to arms control talks

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

IN separate talks yesterday with the Labour and Alliance leaders, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev made it clear that the Soviet Union has no preconditions that could prevent the opening of arms control talks with the United States early next year.

His remarks had the effect of crossing from the list of possible major obstacles the planned American anti-satellite weapons tests in March and the development of space weaponry.

The crucial issue for the Russians as the mechanism of the negotiations is concerned is the relationship between space defence and strategic and medium-range nuclear missiles. They link progress towards a treaty banning the use of defensive space weapons planned by the Americans to reductions in offensive missiles.

Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, said that in response to a specific question about preconditions, Mr Gorbachev replied "We do not include the question of the demilitarisation of outer space as a preliminary condition, and we have no preliminary conditions whatsoever."

"We wish only to stress that at the present stage, the problem of the demilitarisation of space has acquired a special significance in summing up what I have said, we approach these new negotiations from the premise that all issues should be considered as closely related."

### Geneva agenda

He emphasised that the three types of weapons — Space Defence Initiative, long range and medium-range missiles — must be included in the same package. All had to be considered at the same time.

Mr Shultz, America's Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are due to discuss the shape of the forum and the agenda for talks at a meeting in Geneva on Jan. 24. The Americans want the full negotiations to start before the end of the month.

Mr Gorbachev's clarifications, which seem to wipe the slate clean so far as some earlier Soviet statements are concerned, mean that the main argument will centre on the

## 'Sustained prosperity' claim by White House

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

FALLING interest rates and a new "flash" estimate of economic growth yesterday prompted the White House to claim that the American business slowdown was only a passing phase and that the nation was headed for "sustained prosperity."

Wall Street investors seemed to agree. On Tuesday the stock market emerged from the doldrums to stage its biggest rally to more than four months — nearly 35 points on the Dow Jones industrial index — and continued to climb in early trading yesterday.

Deep-seated problems remain, notably the yawning Federal budget deficit and the American trading shortfall that stems largely from the soaring dollar. But even if there is no certainty of a prosperous New Year, it looks like being a merry Christmas for President Reagan's economic strategists.

The preliminary so-called "flash" estimate yesterday of

News Round-up

## BHOPAL A POLL ISSUE

THE Bhopal gas disaster became an Indian general election issue yesterday when Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee, an Opposition leader, demanded the resignation of Mr Arjun Singh, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh state, writes Balram Tandon.

Mr Vajpayee said the state government could not escape responsibility for neglecting to ensure that safety measures at the Union Carbide plant were enforced. It was even more guilty of failing to offer adequate relief immediately, thus leading to loss of life.

Meanwhile as scientists and technicians were putting the pesticides plant through the final run to process the remaining quantities of methyl isocyanate gas, a civil judge in the city issued an injunction against the disposal of any Union Carbide factory property.

Officials of Union Carbide said they had processed 16 tons of the gas by last evening. The operation is to continue today, when they have also to decide how to dispose of further 1.2 tons stored in steel containers.

## Russia accused of genocide

The United States, in its strongest indictment of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, accused Soviet troops of conducting genocide against the Afghan people, inflicting hundreds of thousands of casualties among civilians and resistance fighters and causing some 4,000,000 Afghans to leave their country.

In a summary on the fifth anniversary of the Soviet Union's 1979 Christmas Eve invasion, the State Department said that Moscow had stepped up its "cynical and brutal war" against the Afghan people with new savagery and high level saturation bombing of densely populated areas.

### Basque leader

resigns

The Basque country plagued by separatist terrorism and disrupted by serious industrial unrest, including major cuts in heavy industry, was plunged into a political crisis with the resignation of Senor Carlos Garaikoetxea, Prime Minister of the region's autonomous government.

He resigned after the National Assembly of his moderate Basque Nationalist party refused to back his demands that Victoria, capital of the Basque country, should have overall power in the administration of the region.

### Jews sent to

labour camps

A teacher of Hebrew received a three-year labour-camp sentence in Moscow on charges of possessing drugs. His family say police plotted marijuana in the flat of Yuli Edelstein, an Orthodox Jew from Moscow, whom they confiscated all his Hebrew books.

Jewish sources said that in Leningrad, Nadezhda Fradkova, who wants to emigrate, was sentenced to two years in a labour camp for "parasitism" or not having a job. Confined in a psychiatric hospital last July, she was recently released but then detained in prison.

### 3 Iranian guard

commanders killed

Three senior commanders of Iran's revolutionary guards have been killed in the past week in battles with guerrillas opposing Ayatollah Khomeini's regime, according to reports reaching London.

Two were shot in Teheran, and a third in Shiraz. The three deaths marked the culmination of an upsurge in activity by the Mujahideen, main opposition to the Khomeini Government.

### Lands returned

The Maralinga lands, about 50,000 square miles in the north-west of South Australia, have been returned to the Aborigines, who were moved from Maralinga in the 1950s because of British atom-bomb tests.

### Canal toll increase

Tolls levied on ships passing through the Suez Canal will be raised by an average three per cent. from Jan. 1, 1985, the Middle East News Agency quoted Mr Adul Fazzal, chairman of the Canal Authority, as saying.

### Air strike

A strike by Air New Zealand cabin crews has left thousands of passengers stranded at airports around New Zealand. The strike is in protest against a new computerised rostering system.

### Water polluted

Several thousands households in Belgrade and its suburbs have been without water for many days because of pollution of the river Sava.

### UNESCO DECISION

The United States confirmed on yesterday that it will withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation at the end of the month. America gave such notice at the end of 1983, claiming that UNESCO had become too politicised and wasteful in its operations.—A.P.

## Famine relief in Sudan crippled by fuel shortage

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

A NATIONWIDE shortage of fuel is hampering emergency relief operations in Sudan where thousands of refugees are daily arriving across the eastern and western frontiers in search of food.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees says that a shipment of 82,000 tons of sorghum from the United States, bound for Chadian refugees in Western Sudan, is beginning to arrive at the railroad in the region, but cannot be sent onwards by lorry for lack of fuel.

Aid workers say that in the western provinces of Darfur and Kordofan some 1.2 million people are suffering from drought including 100,000 Chadians.

The lack of fuel for lorries has been aggravated by the antiquated railway system which takes 10 days to haul goods from Khartoum to the western border area 600 miles away.

In the normally fertile eastern provinces where drought has reduced this year's harvest sharply leaving Sudan with a food deficit of 1,165,000 tons, shortages of fuel and transport are also obstructing relief operations.

Mr Tim Phipps, Deputy Director of Save the Children Fund who returned from Sudan yesterday said last night: "Sudan's food deficit is probably worse than that in Ethiopia and the need for aid is critical." Sudan with a population of 20 million, is hosting some 1.2 million refugees from Chad, Zaïre, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Mr Terry Waite, personal representative of Dr Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury had, to recognise yesterday that patience is a virtue.

It was his second day in Tripoli where he hopes to persuade the Libyans to release the four Britons held since the embassy siege in London last April.

He waited four hours in his six-story hotel room overlooking the Mediterranean and despite a "phone call" from the Libyan foreign affairs department to remind them of his presence in the country and an assurance from them that he would be contacted, by nightfall he was still maintaining his lonely vigil by the telephone.

Mr Waite, who successfully negotiated the release of seven hostages from Iran four years ago, was asked to undertake his mission by Dr Runcie following appeals from the men's families who felt not enough was being done on their behalf by the British Government.

They are: Malcolm Anderson, an oil engineer; Michael Bordiner, English lecturer at Tripoli University; Robin Plummer, television engineer and Alan Russell, an English teacher.

Curbs on visas

It is believed that if Mr Waite gets to meet Col. Gaddafi, as he hopes, or at least senior members of the Libyan Government, he will be able to indicate that some relaxation of the curbs on visas for Libyans would follow if the four Britons were released.

Though he is to Tripoli strictly as a representative of a religious leader, he had talks with the British Government shortly before he left for Libya.

He will make it clear, however, that there can be no question of bartering or exchanging the four men for the Libyans awaiting trial in Britain over months for alleged terrorist offences.

## Low turn-out in Zia election referendum

By M. AFTAB in Islamabad

THE Pakistani referendum to elect President Zia ul Haq for a five-year term went through peacefully, although the turn-out was low. Police clashed with Opposition activists in Lahore.

The Government had expected an "exceptionally high" turn-out among the 33.5 million registered voters to approve Zia's five-year term, and his policies and plans to Islamise the country.

In most urban areas, the turnout ranged between 20 and 30 per cent., and around 40 per cent. in rural areas. Election Commission officials say the result is expected by Sunday.

Gen Zia, who voted at a school near his office in Rawalpindi, said elections for the Islamic Parliament would be held by March.

In Lahore, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, the opposition alliance against Zia, staged a protest meeting. M.R.D. sources said the meeting, attended by 10,000 people, was baton-charged by the police eight times.

Fifteen people were injured in clashes with the police and there were 24 arrests.

### 'Resign' call

Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, one of the M.R.D. leaders, said the low turnout meant that the referendum had boycotted. President Zia should now accept the people's verdict and resign.

Malik Mohammed Oasim, another leader, said: "We will not respect or recognise Zia as President, and we will not accept the results of this rigged election."

He promised agitation by the movement "to bring down Zia but keep the country together."

Oasim said the agitation would be non-violent and would not use terrorist methods in order to gain a Western style Parliamentary democracy.

But, in case the Zia regime persisted and stayed in power by one means or another, the "may take over the opposition to the regime making Pakistan a traditional politicians' fiefdom."

## SINGAPORE'S OPPOSITION SMEARED

By IAN WARD in Singapore

AN outside possibility that opposition candidates may win three or four of the 79 seats in the Singapore Parliament on Saturday has sent the ruling People's Action Party into a flurry of pre-poll character assassination.

Mr Lee Kuan Yew, 61, Prime Minister, has been letting his second-in-command leaders take the brunt of the campaign.

But in apparent eagerness to prove itself his party's "young guard" has introduced a top-sided notion that anything less than total victory is somehow a sign of failure.

Mr Lee and his "old-guard" colleagues, who have rigidly controlled the destiny of the island State for 25 years, maintain that the election on Saturday represents a political turning-point — preliminary to phasing-in of the "second echelon" team.

Dismissed as 'fools'

The Government-controlled Singapore Press has meanwhile highlighted what is obviously a parts campaign to demolish Opposition hopes.

Mr S. Dhanabalan, Foreign Minister, was quoted in "one front-page account as describing the Opposition line-up as a "rag-tag bunch."

Objecting to the Opposition's campaign call to deny the Government a two-thirds majority and thereby its ability to pass constitutional changes, Mr Dhanabalan dismissed leaders of other parties as either "unintelligent" or "fools."

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# THE ARTS

## TELEVISION / Oxbridge Blues

### Stylish teasing

Geoff Craven, a Deftford boy, left school for the film industry at 15 and "made tea for the tea-boy." Now he is a producer with a riverside house in Chiswick, a Mediterranean villa with swimming pool for his August holidays, and a Rolls with a back-seat telephone for making "five million dollar deals before the pips have gone."

In the transition from the short story to the screenplay of *Freddie Raphael's Sleeps Six* (BBC2), completing the "Oxbridge Blues" anthology last night, Geoff has lost some of his more disarming biographical details. "I've tried to give him the benefit of the doubt and a decent silhouette," said actor Ben Kingsley.

The performance by Kingsley is a marvellously observant one from the anxiety of Geoff's beginnings to the wariness of his present plushness. Usually, in the context of this anthology, the protagonist prefers his own wife to anybody else's, and would also prefer that she did not spread her sexual favours among his friends. Perhaps he even has artistic integrity, though Raphael is uncommunicative on this point.

Unfortunately for Geoff he cannot really escape his context. Because "Oxbridge Blues" has been assembled as a weekly series the resentment aroused by its unlovely, heartless and threatening people has accumulated. We are now trained to look for the worst in everybody. As well as regular doses of male chauvinism.

Thus we note that his loyal wife Sherry only exists to serve him, and that he has an ugly chip on his shoulder about not being born into the public school class. If he claims that

# THEATRE /

## Till drugs us do part

THERE would seem excellent reasons why theatre and television should collaborate in giving birth to a new play. To produce "Kissing God," the new offering by Philip Young, Hampstead Theatre and the BBC have pooled their resources and shared the costs in the belief that the piece would be suitable for both stage and screen.

The result, however, makes a pretty unenjoyable evening in the playhouse, though I could see it providing one of those overnight controversies on which TV thrives. It is a slow-moving and debilitating study of three drug addicts, and their physical and mental decline as the habit takes hold. The death of one of them scares the others at certain call into a faint promise to dry out.

The play begins with the tentative courtship of attractive but unstable Amy by Mark, a creepy landlord who woos her with chocolate bars when she takes his upstairs room. Against his will, Amy persuades Mark to inject her arm "just this once." A year later, she is selling herself twice a night so as to obtain supplies for them both.

Meantime Harry, another addict, has joined the ménage, and by one of them Amy is made pregnant. To get rid of his rival Harry gives Mark an overdose and takes charge of Amy ("What about the little life inside you?") in the hope of a future together.

I suppose that a series of hysterical fits, mauling pleadings for drugs or money, and the sight of ashen-faced victims of quakes, fits and uncontrollable appetites—all this may constitute an awful Example of some moral worth.

But a play written not about people but pathological cases steadily going downhill without the drama of a struggle to stop and perhaps turn around—however frail the perhaps—soon glazes the eye, numbs curiosity and scatters suspense.

Anton Lesser's wilyly ruminative and Machiavellian Harry, Kate Lock's ghostly Amy and David Bamber's wheedling Mark all loyally wreathe, writhe and faint in coils for their author who, as also their director, leaving Ezerza Stal to fill in as a sturdy children's nurse hovering on the sidelines clutching a large bag and not knowing what to do.



John McAndrew in the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Peter Pan" at the Barbican Theatre.

## Fine feathers, few gags

IF SPECTACLES were everything, "Mother Goose" at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, would be more than enough. It is lovely to look at. It has several chorus lines, and each of them has style, charm and discipline; one of them, though infantile, wins applause, not for being young but for being good. Another reminds us in its plumage and poise of the Fables, Bergère. Hats off, therefore, to Tommy Shaw, the choreographer.

Then there are Terry Parsons's settings: the pleasure of them is matched by his costumes for the company. In particular for Danny La Rue. In get-up after get-up, this amiable female impersonator poses and preens and potters about as the eponymous heroine with a cravie voice and a sexually wicked smile.

But he is no pantomime dame. He lacks comic authority. His saucy sense of humour and affable stage manner are not enough to rule the evening. It is a question of theatrical attack. Mr La Rue pulls his punches.

In looking round for a clown

# MUSIC / A Delius first

A FEW YEARS AGO, Delius's second opera, "The Magic Fountain," was produced for BBC Radio in a performance which was subsequently issued on disc; now "Irmelin," the composer's first completed opera, is receiving the same treatment, and it was broadcast on Radio Three on Tuesday evening.

"Irmelin" dates from 1892, preceding the period of Delius's true self-discovery by some eight years, but it was not performed until 1955. After this it remained neglected, and it has probably been assumed, as with "The Magic Fountain," that such as early fruit of a composer notoriously late to develop was not worth our time.

In fact this is far from the truth, although it is a pardonable error: for, like "The Magic Fountain," "Irmelin" possesses some music of surprising power and richness, music which could not have been predicted from a knowledge of Delius's other works of the period.

The story concerns a prince and princess, she determined to await the arrival of a true love of whom she is mystically aware, and not to marry for reasons of political expediency according to her father's wishes. He is aware that true love awaits him at the end of a "silver stream" whose course he has temporarily lost.

The magical combination of spirituality and eroticism inherent in the story was calculated to draw deeply on Delius's resources, although it is interesting that the element of transcendence and loss which were to engage him so fully in his maturity are here missing. As it is, we hear music of flooding sweetness in the final love duet, and of great exaltation at the point where the hero Nils rediscovers the silver stream in Act Two.

Lovely, and moving in many respects, the work undoubtedly is, however, and the performance under Norman Del Mar's most sympathetic direction more than justified its enterprise. Eileen Hannon made a sweet Irmelin, John Mitchinson an ardent Nils, and other roles were ably taken by Ann Howard, Michael Rippon and Brian Rayner Cook. Chris de Souza and Clive Bennett produced.

# BALLET /

## Cheerful contrasts

BACK HOME for Christmas, Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet opened their season last night with a cheerful and well contrasted programme that highlighted the virtues of this closely knit and talented company.

The dancers work so well together and commit themselves so wholeheartedly to the work that they stage that any ragged edges, lack of polish or occasional miscast roles matter very little against the generally enjoyable standard of performance.

"Concerto," the Macmillan-Shostakovich ballet dating back to 1966, is an ideal starter, outfluffy fresh in its lively first and third movements and tenderly meditative in the central pas de deux. In this duet Clare French and Carl Myers were harmonious and meticulous without revealing the full emotional depth of the choreography.

Ashton's "The Dream" had a seasoned and familiar cast led by Marion Tait as a delicately sharp Titania and Roland Price, increasingly in command of Oberon's complex leaps and pirouettes. More supernatural majesty in the interpretation however would restore an extra dimension to the role.

The production tends to over-stress and underline the comedy elements but there was an excellent mixed double of lovers.

Ellie Sincopations "is at its happiest in the theatre of this size although its introductory ensembles have always gone on too long, and there is a relish and understanding in the way these dancers present it. The essential dominance and provocative sophistication of the leading pair was established by Chenna Williams and Stephen Wicks, and June Hildwood offered a subtle variety of sinuous and seductive movement in a brilliant account of the Calliope Rag.

## Latin-American music

20TH CENTURY music from Latin America was the BBC's choice when their turn came to open the current international concert season of the European Broadcasting Union. The BBC Symphony Orchestra was conducted by the young Mexican Eduardo Mata in a programme presented at the arts centre of Warsaw University. It was broadcast live on Radio 3.

The implied obligation to sound outlandish was certainly honoured by the Brazilian Heitor Villa-Lobos, who passionately believed in the need for contemporary music to develop a national identity. The title of his "Choros No. 10," dating from 1926, refers to the traditional improvisations of street musicians. But he also incorporates in this flamboyant work folk material of local ethnic groups such as Indians and Negroes.

No Argentinian flavour could be detected in the First Piano Concerto by Alberto Ginastera who died last year. Indeed this work, written in 1961, leads one straight to the Vienna of some 40 years earlier. For although the internationally-minded composer eventually took to aleatoric procedures, the concerto represents a remarkably direct succession to the early dodecaphonic Schoenberg. The merits inherent in deploying sequences of 12 different notes are most strikingly demonstrated here where they can be perceived adding a special quality to the elegantly shaped, right hand arabesques.

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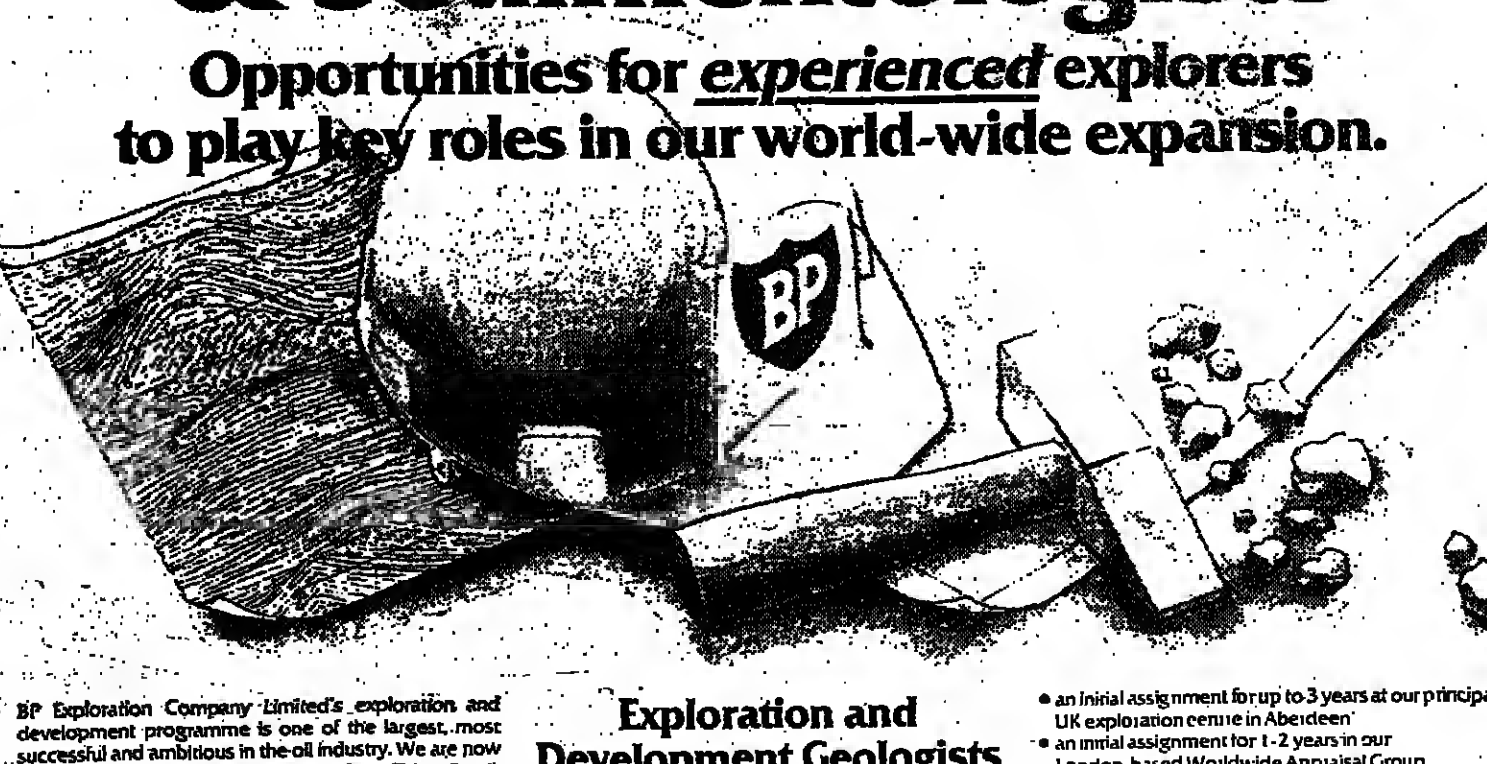
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# Captivated by the Tower

WHEN I finally came to rest, so to speak, after a number of years going from one Service posting to another in the wake of my RAF husband, I could hardly believe my surroundings.

It is well known that an Englishman's home is his castle but this was ridiculous: for here I was, in one.

Battlements, bugles and Beefeaters, they were everywhere. No, yeoman warders (as is their correct title) do not sound bugles, but the army guard does and it delights my ear. I use the present tense because a sojourn of eight years in Her Majesty's Tower of London—as the wife of a yeoman warder, enters the very soul and remains there, making it difficult to place the experience in the past.

But, in as many weeks as it takes to fly home for an interview with the resident governor, be vetted and finally accepted by the constable of the Tower, we were there, snugly ensconced just before Christmas in the casemates.

These latter are not to be confused with casemates, which are windows, and the Tower casemates distinctly suffer from a paucity of these. The casemates are situated within the thickness of the outer ballium wall of the fortress, overlooking the moat, and rare is the window that you will espy as you approach the Tower.

A casemate is a room within a fortified building and arrowslits abound. Quite quickly I discovered that the arrowslit to my bathroom was an excellent place to keep beer and milk until my refrigerator came out of store.

As the days went by, the Tower of London took hold of me with a clutch that I am sure will never be loosened. Thirty-eight yeoman warders, almost as many wives, a sprinkling of children, a multi-tude of dogs and cats—the odd voluble parrot—and I had a family around me of which to be more than proud.

Over this family, as is a squire to a village, we

have the resident governor as well as the padre and a medical officer. The governor and the padre are self-explanatory but the doctor's presence, as a resident, is perhaps a little surprising to outsiders.

Every night for past hundreds of years the Tower has been, and is, ceremoniously locked. All who wish to go must be out of the Tower by the stroke of midnight. All residents who wish to enter (and on foot only) must do so by 3 a.m. to the minute.

These time-honoured rulings mean that medical emergencies can occur within these, our "silent hours," and it requires a doctor's decision to waken the governor and request that the gates be opened to admit the passage of an ambulance.

My tiny "quarter" has bulged with every kind of visitor invited as personal friends to savour the Tower at night, drinking Malmsey wine with us with the Duke of Clarence as the Toast. For was he not drowned in a vat of

the same just a few yards away? Tales are told of rare adventures, escapes and alarms and ghostly happenings.

For it was impossible at times to find an explanation for footsteps with nobody present, voices with no faces, such as that of the girl who kept saying: "Mum, Mum," and the ultimate complete apparition. Twice, a man appeared in my room, not in doublet and hose, but wearing clothes from this century.

But for me, perhaps, the most remarkable visitor was an astronaut. We walked together towards Traitors Gate. It was near 10 o'clock when the Ceremony of the Keys would lock this ancient pile against the outside world.

The moon hung above us and I remarked to my companion that I could scarce believe he had walked upon it and returned to earth to be beside me at that moment.

His reply was an earnest look and the revelation that his boyhood wish had been to visit the Tower and now to find himself a temporary part of its tradition was a total honour.

BY SHELAGH ABBOTT



## DRESSING FOR THE OCCASION...

FINDING something warm but glamorous to wear at Christmas is a problem, especially if your day involves everything from a bracing walk to having a hefty turkey in and out of the oven.

This white angora sweater

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  - Emincés de Chevreuil ou boeuf
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  - Soufflés des Aubergines
  - Pommes Dauphines
  - Boule de Neige
  - Crunchies

It will be 10 to dinner on New Year's Eve and our traditional family punch at midnight. Then the good talk can go on and we can enjoy our family and closest friends.

The Apicous Eggs are poached last of all. The mushrooms are first, with an optional touch of garlic, coated with sauce and set in a

ring, with prawns in the centre.

The bass is scored slantwise, poached in a simple court bouillon, dish up on a bed of sauce duglère and bordered by a macedoine of diced, winter vegetables turned in melted butter.

The Emincés de Chevreuil or Boeuf is merely the remains of a very underdone roast of either venison or beef,

sliced thinly, laid in a bordelaise sauce and just heated through. It is ruined if cooked for longer.

The Boule de Neige consists of any chosen ice creams layered and half filled into two ordinary pudding basins, then thawed, clapped together, wrapped in light sponge, and piped with whipped cream all over.

INGREDIENTS FOR FATLESS SPONGE: 2½oz sifted self-raising flour; 4oz castor sugar; 3 No. 3 eggs.

METHOD: Cover a heat-resistant plate with foil, tip on sugar and bake at 425°F (Gas 7) one shelf above centre for 6 min. Meanwhile break eggs into an electric mixer bowl. Tip on hot sugar and whip at full speed until mixture rises in a golden foam. Switch off, fold in flour and spread evenly over a 14 x 10 x 2½ in deep baking tin lined with oiled greaseproof paper. Bake for 7 min at same temperature and position. If making in advance just cool in tin then freeze to thaw when serving.

CRUNCHIES

INGREDIENTS: 7oz butter; 5oz sifted icing sugar; the grated rind of 1 small lemon; 9oz self-raising flour; 2oz bought or home-made almond paste; castor sugar.

METHOD: Whip the butter to a loose cream, add the sugar and repeat. Then add the lemon rind and rub in the flour and almond paste until fine-grained. Now begin kneading. As you do so, mixture will form a strong dough. Roll into a sausage shape. Refrigerate the roll wrapped in foil ready to top off thin-thick biscuit rounds. Before doing so roll the uncut roll in egg yolk and then in castor sugar. Lay the discs on rice paper or an oiled baking sheet and bake at 400°F (Gas 6) on centre shelf for 8 to 10 min, by which time edges will have browned. Do not overcook until browned all over. Serve plain or else trim the edges, dip biscuits in pairs with a little coffee icing between, spread more on top and scatter the crumbled edge trimmings over. Store in an air-tight tin. Make mixture now and refrigerate, roll wrapped like bought sausage meat.

BOULE DE NEIGE

METHOD: This can be made with any cream ice or mixture of cream ices, home-made or bought. To obtain the "snowball" appearance without buying a special mould just oil two 2½ lb pudding basins and barely half fill each. Then freeze. Also freeze a panel of fatless sponge (see below). Dip the two bowls into hot water and slide out. Then freeze. While the exterior is still softened by the hot water, press the fatless sponge all round the snowball until completely marked. Return to freezer until just before service. Pipe results of whipped cream over the sponge to complete the snowball. If wishing to be traditional, drive a sprig of real or artificial holly in at top centre, wrapping the real stem with a scrap of foil first.

SALADE PORT ROYALE

INGREDIENTS: 1½lb diced steamed potatoes; ½lb peeled, cored and chopped eating apples; 3½lb diced cooked French beans (either tinned or frozen); 1 teaspoon mayonnaise; the strained juice of 1 lemon; 4 hard-boiled eggs, shelled; 1 additional teaspoon mayonnaise; flavoured with curry paste; 2 small quartered lettuce or radicchio.

METHOD: Mix prepared potatoes, apples and beans with plain mayonnaise and arrange in a shallow glass dish. Shape into a slight dome, cover with a spread of curry

METHOD: Slice the body of the two fish into thin-thick slices. Melt 2oz of the given butter with the oil in a shallow, heat-resistant oven dish. Fry the onion until soft without browning. Work in the chopped tomato, sliced quite lightly, work down to a fine, pasty consistency. Spread out over the base of a chafing dish. Add bay and thyme and a very light seasoning of salt and pepper. Lay down the fish slices, season again quite lightly, swirl with the wine, dot with flakes of remaining butter and optional garlic. Bake under a lid, basting just once, at 375°F (Gas 5) mid-shelf of oven for 15 to 20 min. Lift out fish slices and keep warm; discard the bay and thyme. Add white sauce to pan mixture and work thoroughly with the back of a wooden spoon. Taste, correct seasoning, then sieve on to the chafing dish so that the sauce covers the base completely. Lay in the fish slices to re-form the body of the fish.

EMINCÉS DE CHEVREUIL OU BOEUF

INGREDIENTS: At least two very thin slices apiece underdone venison or beef.

INGREDIENTS FOR SAUCE BORDELAISE: 15H oz string red wine; 2 tablespoons finely-chopped shallots; 5in sprig of thyme; 1 torn bay leaf; 2oz butter; 2 rounded dessertspoons freshly milled or chopped parsley; 1 pint milk; 2oz grated Parmesan; 1oz marrow bones; salt and pepper.

METHOD: Scoop the marrow bone out of the bones (6oz) then dice as neatly as possible. Steam under a lid over boiling water until just tender. Reduce the red wine with the shallots, thyme and bay leaf to two-thirds, i.e. 10H oz, and the stock to a thick syrupy consistency. Blend the two, together. Strain finely then work in the butter. At the last moment before service stir in the diced marrow and the parsley. Pour over the chosen heated dish and arrange the slices of venison or beef over. Season lightly with salt and pepper, rest high with aluminium foil and just heat through at 325°F (Gas 3). Do complete dinner with Pommes Dauphines alternated with individual Soufflés des Aubergines.

SOUFFLÉS DES AUBERGINES

INGREDIENTS: 5 small to medium aubergines; salt and pepper; 1½oz flour; 1½oz butter; 6 separated No. 3 eggs; 2 egg yolks; ½ pint milk; 2oz grated Parmesan; 1oz grated Gruyère or Emmenthal.

METHOD: Remove the stem ends then halve the aubergines lengthwise with a small, sharp knife, sprinkle thickly with salt and leave until flesh turns light brown and salt draws out the slight bitterness in small brown bubbles. Wipe these off. Place cut-side downwards in a steamer and steam under a lid until sufficiently tender to squeeze out flesh and make finely. Begin with a roux of flour and butter, then disintegrate gradually with milk and aubergine purée alternately. Add salt and pepper to taste and work in the Gruyère or Emmenthal cheese. Beat in egg yolks off the heat, add a little whipped cream, then pour into the hollowed out aubergine skins. Bake these up, sprinkle with the Parmesan and bake for 30 min on a flat baking sheet at 425°F (Gas 7) one shelf above centre.

BASS DUGLÈRE

INGREDIENTS: Two 1½lb bass, cleaned but not scaled; 1 heaped tablespoon finely-chopped onion; 4 de-pipped, peeled tomatoes, chopped small; 1 rounded tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh parsley heads; 1 4-in sprig of thyme; 1 small bay leaf; 1 small peeled,

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## Rules on police use of spying gear tightened

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

POLICE use of surveillance equipment is to be subjected to more detailed and rigorous procedures. Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The new guidelines follow a review into the use of the equipment, and replace the previous guidance issued in 1977.

The Home Secretary said he was satisfied the scale of use of surveillance devices particularly in circumstances where most "sensitive" questions of privacy arise was not excessive.

There are five main changes: 1. IN GENERAL such devices for listening or visual surveillance are to be used only when an investigation concerns serious crime, normal investigation methods have been tried and failed or from the nature of things are unlikely to succeed if tried, there is good reason to think use of the equipment was likely to lead to arrest and conviction, and for the prevention of acts of terrorism.

### Records kept

2. AUTHORITY for the use of such equipment has been specified, with the chief constable's personal authority being required in an extended range of circumstances before devices are used.

3. MORE DETAILED records are to be kept on the use of both aural and visual surveillance equipment, and these records are to be made available for inspection by HM Inspectors of Constabulary.

4. GUIDANCE is given on retention of the product of surveillance, the use in court proceedings, and outside the police service and its destruction when no longer needed.

5. EXPLICITLY ruled out is the use of devices in circumstances such as in a public telephone box where the sole purpose or foreseeable result of their use is to overhear speech transmitted by telephone.

Under the new guidelines records must be kept for both aural and visual devices instead of only aural devices as was previously the case.

### Wide variety

"The guidelines make clear that a range of surveillance devices is used for a wide variety of purposes and all forces make use of surveillance devices to a greater or lesser extent," Mr Brittan states in reply to a written Commons question.

"In view of this wide range"

of devices and circumstances statistical information would be meaningful only if it were broken down to indicate different types of device and operation.

"But it would not be in the interests of the prevention and detection of crime for information to be made public in this degree of detail."

He was confident the revised and tightened guidelines coupled with the attention that will "continue to be given to these matters" by Inspectors of Constabulary would ensure devices of all kinds were used only where strictly necessary for proper and efficient conduct of police operations and with due regard for the intrusion of privacy which may result in particular circumstances.

The guidelines accept surveillance equipment has a "valuable role" in many police operations, and that the police being required to employ appropriate surveillance measures where necessary for the prevention and detection of crime.

### Key factor

But it must also be recognised, the guidelines state, that police use of the equipment may involve encroachment on privacy, and the circumstances in which the equipment was used were generally the key factor in determining public attitudes.

Law's concern is directed towards the use of equipment in circumstances where targets of surveillance might reasonably assume a high degree of privacy, for example in their homes or in a hotel bedroom.

Surveillance of public places such as shopping precincts or football grounds, if undertaken responsibly, was usually less contentious, the general guidelines state.

"But the increasing sophistication of equipment enhances the need for sensitivity at all times in its use."

"Careful consideration at a senior level in the police service is therefore needed in all cases to take account of the circumstances of the particular investigation or operation before the use of equipment for surveillance operations is authorised," the directions state.

## £5m needed to save four medical projects

By OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FOUR medical research projects in which Britain has a world lead will be lost unless an extra £5 million a year can be made available, the Medical Research Council said yesterday.

The Government-financed council suffered a cut in real terms of £4,700,000 in its budget this year and is now waiting anxiously to see how much it will be allocated for next year's research programmes.

Sir James Gowans, secretary, said that unless this year's grant of £117 million is increased by at least £5 million it will be unable to go ahead with four top priority projects.

These are a new centre at Oxford University to apply discoveries of molecular biology to medicine; development of techniques to give accurate internal pictures of the human body at Hammanston Hospital; the development of a centre for neurobiology; and a new centre for collaborative research between universities and industry.

Sir James said: "It is impossible to keep research programmes going in a situation where our budget is continually being eroded and the financial future is so uncertain."

"There is a great deal of talent in this country but it needs to be exploited. He said that a number of industrial companies had shown interest in the creation of a research centre to solve problems which could then profitably be exploited by industry. A suitable site had been found at Mill Hill, Hendon.

### Heart research

One proposed project for the new centre was research into an agent which could influence the lack of oxygen to the heart which is what causes damage after heart failure.

"We should like this centre to be a showcase to draw industry's attention to our research work and to collaborate with industry on projects for their benefit which will not only be useful for human welfare but for wealth creation."

The proposed Oxford University unit would apply the lessons of molecular biology to medicine. It would include the development of better methods of detecting abnormalities in unborn babies, work on the detection of individuals at risk from particular diseases, and the engineering of new vaccines.

Sir James said: "These are areas where we have some excellent research workers, but we are in grave danger of falling behind unless we make some effort."

"We cannot do this work on

the scale we want, to make it sufficiently enticing to get people back from the United States, unless we can get the money to finance it quickly."

Professor John Newsom-Davis, chairman of the council's Neurobiology and Mental Health Board, said many good research projects were being turned down for lack of money and young researchers were going abroad.

## APPEAL JUDGES REFUSE BAR ON EEC PAYMENT

Mr Oliver Smedley, an anti-Common Market campaigner, yesterday failed in his Appeal Court to stop Britain giving the EEC an extra £121.5 million towards the overspending of its budget.

Mr Smedley, 65, of Saffron Walden, Essex, vice president of the Liberal party, claimed the proposed payment was unlawful and the decision to make it should be quashed. But Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, sitting with Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Lloyd, said they were unable to say the proposed payment was unlawful.

Britain gave the undertaking to pay the money together with other EEC members in Luxembourg in October. The draft Order in Council has yet to be approved by both houses of Parliament.

## Embryo implants 'must be illegal'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

LEGISLATION to make it a criminal offence to put a human embryo into an animal was demanded by Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, yesterday.

He was responding to a statement by Mr Patrick Steptoe and Dr Robert Edwards, the test tube baby pioneers, that valuable lessons could be learnt by implanting human embryos into a rabbit or a sheep for short periods.

They emphasised that they had no intention of carrying out such an experiment at present but that the acquisition of knowledge might be thwarted in the future if such research was declared illegal.

The Chief Rabbi endorsed the view of the Government-appointed Warnock Committee that the "placing of a human

embryo in the uterus of another species should be a criminal offence."

Sir Immanuel added: "We are not justified in sacrificing a single human life on the altar of science even with the prospect that we might thereby save millions in the future."

### Need for legislation

"Human life, generated from test tubes and petri dishes, sustained by artificial foods and drugs and terminated by unplugging some life support machine, may be reduced to a form of mechanisation in which the incomparable grandeur of the human spirit, the genius of the human mind and the noblest virtues of the human heart are asphyxiated in the exhaust fumes of our technological wonders."

Dr Peggy Norris, secretary of the British section of the World Federation of Doctors' Who Respect Human Life, said that

## AIRPORT OPTIONS DISCUSSED

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

MR RIDLEY, transport secretary, is expected to make a Commons statement today on the Government's intentions for the future of the Civil Aviation Bill.

This week Tory MPs opposed to plans for the expansion of Stansted Airport and the restriction of flights at Heathrow have twice blocked the passage of the Bill through its Commons committee.

Mr Ridley discussed the options available yesterday with senior ministers and is thought to be unlikely to withdraw the Bill together. He is expected to attempt a compromise solution.

The three Conservatives who voted with Labour and Liberal members on the committee to defeat the motion, Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip Northwood) chairman of the Conservative aviation committee, Mr Anthony Sleen (South Hams) and Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North) have indicated they would support the Government if it agreed to give an assurance that flights at Heathrow would not be limited to 275,000 a year.

They believe that by placing control on Heathrow would inevitably lead to the expansion of Stansted, as they claim it would prejudice Mr Ridley's final decision on the Stansted inquiry report.

The Government has, however, given a pledge to restrict flights at Heathrow with the operation of Terminal Four at Heathrow, expected next October, air traffic movements will be limited to 275,000 a year.

Mr Ridley told the Commons during the second reading of the Bill which seeks powers to control the number of flights, that they wished to keep that undertaking.

The pledge was given as far back as 1979 on environmental grounds during a planning inquiry into a possible fourth terminal at the airport.

It is important to note that no actual limit, or mention of the 275,000 flights a year pledge, is given in the Bill.

The Bill merely seeks powers to impose necessary limits if and when required, and there is no guarantee that they will be invoked.

## SAUDI CASH FOR LEAR FAN WORK

A private consortium, the Saudi-controlled Zayia Corp, has agreed to give substantial extra cash to the troubled Lear Fan executive jet project in Ulster, the Northern Ireland Minister of State, Dr Rhodes Boyson, disclosed in the Commons yesterday. He hoped that work in the Ulster factories — interrupted in August because of delays in getting a U.S. airworthiness certificate — can restart soon. But it will need just 1,100 jobs instead of the 2,800 originally visualised.

growing human embryos in animals would be outrageous.

Mrs Nuala Staribrick, administrator of the anti-abortion association I.F.E., said the suggestion of human embryo implants into animals was the final warning that legislation was urgently needed.

## Young heroes receive prizes from Princess

By GERALD BARTLETT

A YOUNG girl who rescued her family from a fire, and boys who saved theirs from serious injury or death in car crashes, were among 10 youngsters presented with "Children of Courage" awards by Princess Anne in Westminster Abbey yesterday.

The Princess, Save the Children Fund president, heard how Michael Ross, 13, from Moray, Scotland, fought off masked raiders — ripping off one's mask — who struck at his home, a village sub-post office.

His 70-year-old grandmother, Mrs Helece Angus, woke in the early hours to find a masked man in her bedroom who demanded the keys to the post office.

When she screamed the raider held her down and covered her face. Awakened by the row, Michael's mother, Mrs Ade Ross, ran to the living room where she was confronted by another masked man with a crowbar who forced her to the living room floor.

Princess Anne also gave awards to Dominic Jones, 12, of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, who mugged-tackled an escaping crook; Simon Wright, nine, of Selvaak, Birmingham, who saved his cousin from a dog; Emma and Louise MacLean, two and four respectively, from Inverness, who helped to raise £1.5 million for Save the Children Bone Marrow Appeal.

Each child received a trophy — a bird set in plastic — and a scroll with a citation which was read at the service by the actor, Anthony Andrews. The awards were presented by WOMAN'S OWN.

### Trapped inside

Michael leapt at one of the raiders and in the struggle he was bit repeatedly on the head and shoulders with a wooden baton. His injuries included a serious head wound and he was in hospital for two days.

Kelly Smith, 11, from Bromley, got up early to give her mother a Mothering Sunday cup of tea — and ended up saving her family from a fire which had broken out in the living room.

She dashed upstairs to tell her mother and stepfather, shot the living room door to escape the fire, which was a neighbour's house to telephone the fire brigade and took her brother and sister to her grandmother's house.

Princess Anne was also told that a 16-year-old passenger in his mother's car, Bradley Ruddle, 11, from Sheering, Essex, could only watch in horror as another car slewed across a narrow road, crashed into them and set both vehicles alight.

His mother was knocked unconscious and his grandmother and sister together with his sister's friend were all trapped in the back.

But Bradley did not panic. As flames licked around them, he got out of the car, opened the back door and helped his grandmother and the two young girls to safety. Then he released his mother's seat belt and dragged her out. He hesitated from six-year-old Gary Doggan of Putney, when his best friend, Steven Hendry, fell into an icy pond.

Ignoring his fear of water, Gary grabbed his friend's collar and hauled him out. "It was easy," he said yesterday.



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Princess Anne on the steps of the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey yesterday with youngsters to whom she presented this year's Children of Courage Awards. Holding his scroll of honour above his head is three-year-old Gary Plane, of Burnley, Lancs, who lost both legs after being blown under the wheels of a lorry by a strong gust of wind.

## FIRM PUTS A BAN ON BEARDS

By CON COUGHLIN

THE "corporate philosophy" of a Dallas-run computer company which forbids the wearing of beards and lunchtime drinking has erased the festive spirit at its newly-acquired British subsidiary, Unilever Computer Services.

The 200-strong workforce in North London have been told to abide by the "code of ethics" of Electronic Data Services which decrees that men with beards must shave them off.

Moustaches are allowed providing they are neatly trimmed and casual clothes are strictly forbidden as is discussing your pay packet with friends and colleagues.

### Helping to identify

Women must wear tight-fitting clothes and skirts and must not wear any circumstances wear trousers.

The edicts have left many of the workforce disgruntled. One employee said: "It's appalling."

But the company defended its clean-cut image yesterday, saying its "code of ethics" was generally welcomed by the workforce and helped people to identify themselves with the company.

A spokesman for T.A.S.S., the computer union, said the Dallas code was an erosion of union rights.

## Trouble-shooter takes over North London Poly

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

A POLYTECHNIC director who has banned the "expressing of offensive views" and takes a hard line on disruption in his own college is to take over the director's chair temporarily at the trouble-torn Polytechnic of North London.

He is Dr John Beishon, director of the Polytechnic of the South Bank.

In May this year, at the start of the North London Poly's problems over the National Front activist Patrick Harrington, Dr Beishon tightened rules at his own establishment to ensure that he would not meet with the same disruption.

Last night, the North London's Court of Governors accepted an ILEA suggestion that Dr Beishon be appointed as director during the forthcoming ILEA inquiry into the college's affairs.

Dr Beishon and the governing body of South Bank Poly acted swiftly in May to state that any student or member of staff "who expresses an opinion" that they know is likely to cause such grave offence to others as to distract them from their studies "could be suspended."

### Activist ostracised

A problem over a National Front activist cropped up at South Bank more than two years ago, but, said Dr Beishon, it was "dealt with so quietly that we've all forgotten about it now."

The student was ostracised so thoroughly by staff and other students that he left.

Twelve days ago Dr David MacDowall handed in his resignation as director at North London Poly, effectively from Dec. 31, on advice from Mrs Frances Morrell, the leader of the ILEA.

Mr Neil Fletcher, chairman of ILEA's Further and Higher Education Sub-committee, said last night that it had been "made clear" to the polytechnic governors that Dr Beishon's appointment was "a very firm recommendation" by the authority.

Student activists at the North London Poly, two of whom have just finished 14-day prison sentences for breaking a court injunction giving Harrington access to lectures, now fear that the polytechnic's officers will take firmer action in suspending or expelling law-breakers.

Yesterday Sir Michael Havers the Attorney General warned the students that unless their union gives him written confirmation that they have not completed allegedly ultra vires payments to a striking miners' support group, a receiver will be sent to the students' union today.

## CALL FOR A MINISTER OF GARBAGE

By ROLAND GRIBBIN Business Correspondent

A MINISTER of Waste should be appointed to halt the loss of an estimated £750 million a year of materials that could be used again, the Commons Select Committee on Trade and Industry said in a report yesterday.

The Minister would have responsibility for co-ordinating campaigns to ensure more of the 36 million tonnes of waste a year generated from homes and industry is recycled. At present only 15 million tonnes is used again.

The committee, headed by Mr Kenneth Warren (C, Hastings and Rye) calls for greater priority to be given by the Government to waste issues and grants to local authorities for specific recycling schemes. It praises the Greater London Council and other authorities for "commendable" initiatives.

The all-party group also urges the Government to give incentives to industry for companies recycling waste, and to consider how tax changes could be used to encourage greater use of waste materials being given a second life of use.

### Poor record

The report says that about £1.8 billion worth of waste products are recycled every year, mainly scrap for the steel industry, but the potential is much greater.

A vast amount of waste paper, metals, textiles, plastics, glass and other valuable material is lost each year and Britain's record on recycling compares unfavourably with other European countries.

One reason is the large numbers of cheap dumping sites available in Britain. Waste of Waste, Statistics Office, 28/30.

## LAW APPOINTMENTS

By Our Political Staff

Sir Brian Thomas Neill, 55, who has served in the Queen's Bench Division since 1973, has been appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal, Mr Derek Holden, 49, who has been a recorder since 1980, has been appointed a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.



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Market leaders busy

ACCOUNT: December 10-December 21. F.T. STOCK INDICES, December 19, 1964. The market was busy with trading in various sectors, including oil, chemicals, and textiles. Key players like Shell and BP were active in the oil market, while ICI and others were prominent in chemicals. The FTSE 100 index showed a slight decline, while the FTSE 250 index rose.

Argill Group were favoured at 260p and Dalgety, at 471p. Stores were again notable for interest in Dixons, 35p higher at 552p, and Currys, 15p up at 614p. Dixons' successful takeover offer for Currys could be followed by a bid for the merged business from BAT Industries, at least that is the theory advanced by speculative buyers. Pending the outcome of the Opec meeting, the oil share market remained in a rather confused situation. However, "Shell" were supported up to 650p before closing 5p better at 645p, while British Petroleum managed a small gain at 478p, after 485p. In contrast, British lost 7 to 195p and Ultramar 15 to 205p, while Burnham, where takeover speculations were closing positions, ended 7 off at 223p. Steadier conditions in hulk, finally 30 cents firmer at \$309.75, prompted a good rally in gold shares. Val Reefs rebounded 25p to 572p. President Steyn 221p to 224p, Kinross 21p to 214p, and F. S. Geduld 11p to 218p.

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## Gold stages modest rise

AFTER three days of falling prices relative calm returned to the precious metals markets yesterday where gold closed 50 cents higher at \$375 an ounce and silver staged a modest recovery.

Spot silver was \$45.65 an ounce, up 1.10p, and the free market platinum price was 2.55 higher at \$251.50 an ounce.

Dealers say, however, that the downward pressure on gold could resume. Gold failed to hold early gains yesterday as further European selling undermined initial Pan-Asian buying orders.

## Jobs increase

GOVERNMENT statistics published yesterday show that the number of employees in employment in manufacturing industries increased by 6,000 in October. The three months ending in October saw an average monthly increase of 3,800 which compares with an average decrease of 1,800 in the previous three months period to end-July.

The latest figures confirm the pattern of relatively little movement in the number of manufacturing employees in 1984 following several years when the rate of decline had eased.

## Westland loses lift

WESTLAND, Britain's helicopter group, reports pre-tax profits of £16.5m for the year ended Sept. 30, compared with £25.1m and has made provisions in its accounts because of the poor state of the market.

Group turnover fell from £255.9m to £229.7m through the final dividend is maintained at 5.25p a share, payable Feb. 14, halving the year's payment at 10.50p a share.

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## Hanson outlook

HANSON's entrepreneurial spirit is expected to bring rewards to shareholders in 1985 and the years ahead, according to chairman Lord Hanson in his annual report.

Lord Hanson points out that this philosophy has stood the group in good stead over the last 21 years and despite two acquisitions last year it starts the current year with larger cash resources than ever.

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## U.S. listings

THREE more United States companies have obtained a quotation on the London Stock Exchange. They are the Hospital Corporation of America, one of the world's leading health care companies, which has been acquired by Lloyds Bank International with Cazenove as brokers.

The Limited, Inc., the largest women's clothing specialty store and mail order retailer in America with a capitalisation of \$1.35bn, where the listing has been arranged by Lazard Brothers and Co. and Scott & Bower, both known in Britain for take-overs, which has been arranged by Morgan Grenfell.

## Notts bid fails

NOTTINGHAM Manufacturing's £50m bid for Johnson Group (Cazenove has failed and the offer was lapsed last night).

The deal involved the 25 per cent share acquisition of Johnson Group by Notts. The bid was rejected by Johnson's chairman John Crockett, who said he was naturally very pleased with the result.

## Glanfield delay

GREGORY Securities' much-anticipated bid for Glanfield Insurance is still being considered by all parties and by the Take-over Panel.

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## U.S. RATES

Federal funds 5 p.c. (7.4 p.c.)  
Treasury 3-month 7.75-7.76 (7.81-7.78)  
Long bonds 112.04 (112.03-112.04)  
Yield 11.42 p.c. (11.42 p.c.)

## ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group 605.06 (+3.36)  
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All-shares 585.60 (+2.80)

## U.S. economic growth assured 'for next year'

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

AMERICA'S economic engine, recharged after a summer slump, has picked up enough speed to ensure a safe and smooth growth into 1985, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said that the gross national product, the measure of all goods and services produced, was expanding at a 2.8 p.c. rate in the current quarter according to preliminary data.

The growth news came on top of a string of interest rate decisions which economists said should boost the economy even more in coming months. City-bank and Wells Fargo and later Citicorp followed.

The lead of Manufacturers Hanover and sliced their prime lending rates to 10 1/4 p.c. Although the GNP "flash" estimate is subject to later revision, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the data indicated the economy was on the rebound from the summer doldrums.

The 2.8 p.c. real growth rate follows a third quarter expansion pace of just 1.6 p.c., which was even less than previously believed. The Commerce Department had originally pegged third quarter growth at 1.9 p.c.

News of the larger-than-expected jump in economic activity threw Wall Street into confusion as traders were torn between taking profits from the previous day's buying binge and responding to the healthy growth data.

The Jones Industrial Average rose 1.1 points to 2,500.4, but was held back by a sharp drop in the price of oil. The average of 30 industrial stocks rose 0.1 point in early morning in a follow through of Tuesday's 35-point rise, but in the afternoon it fell 1.1 points.

## Opec urges UK to drop oil price moves

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

APPEALS to Britain and Norway to abandon plans for a market-related oil pricing policy were made by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries yesterday at the start of another crucial conference in Geneva to head off a price collapse.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister and Opec chairman, called on the two North Sea producers to drop "short-sighted policies aimed at obtaining temporary gain," and described as "most deplorable" their moves to bring contract prices into line with spot market levels.

The ministers postponed a decision until today on proposals to increase the price of heavy oils by 50 cents a barrel and reduce light oils by 25 cents amid resistance to the new oil industry observers feel that the modest changes, even if agreed, will do nothing to reduce the considerable pressure for a price cut of at least \$2 a barrel in light oil.

Prices again marked time in limited spot market trading yesterday as dealers awaited the outcome of the Opec summit. Brent oil, the North Sea marker, was quoted at \$26.85 a barrel for delivery next month and \$26.70 for shipment in February, a discount of \$1.95 on the contract level.

## ECGD resumes some cover

THE British Government is to play a direct role in promoting the recovery of third world debtors by providing new guarantees to British exporters wishing to trade with countries which are facing severe payment difficulties, it was announced yesterday.

Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department, the arm of government which insures British goods overseas, will resume cover for British exports to those countries which "are taking vigorous and effective action to deal with their economic problems," Mr Channon, Minister of State for Trade, told Parliament.

The first two countries to benefit would be Mexico and Brazil, he said.

Normally, ECGD suspends insurance cover for countries which have been forced to re-

## U.S. stake in Panmure Gordon

By BARBARA CONWAY

STOCKBROKERS Panmure Gordon are to enter the New Year with a new partner, Carolina Bank, a subsidiary of the N.C.N. Corporation of North Carolina.

The deal involves the American bank taking the maximum permitted outside stake of 29.9 p.c. in Panmure, a 16-partner firm with a corporate client list including ICI and Grand Metropolitan.

Panmure senior partner John Lithby stressed yesterday that NCNB did not have any option to increase the holding, as has been the case with many similar deals recently, and added: "Although nothing is added, there is no present intention for them to raise the interest."

The basis of the deal was, he added, "to give us valuable backing in the new system which is coming while maintaining our own independence."

STERLING plumed a new all-time low of \$1.1715 at one point yesterday, as traders latched on to the failure of the oil exporters to think of any convincing way to disguise the growing glut of oil. The pound, of all the major currencies, is considered vulnerable because the British Government depends so heavily on North Sea oil revenues to finance its domestic spending programme and also on oil export earnings to maintain a balance of payments surplus.

If North Sea oil revenues do fall, sterling has to come down against the dollar to maintain the sterling value of the Government's royalties. In the circumstances currency traders assume the Treasury will not try to hold the pound up and the authorities do not appear to want to cast any doubt on that assumption. There was no real sign of support yesterday, although it would only have needed a modest amount to steady the rate in an otherwise relatively thin market.

Dealers also blamed the continuing miners' strike for sterling's weakness yesterday, although it would be foolish to argue that the low level of coal output allows more oil to be consumed at home. Without that the worldwide oil glut would be a little worse.

The Government's wish to see United Kingdom interest rates come down again as soon as possible also robs sterling of the strength it might otherwise get from lower interest rates on the other side of the Atlantic.

Significantly yesterday the preliminary estimate that the United States economy was still growing at an annual rate of 2.8 p.c. in the fourth quarter helped to strengthen demand for dollars.

The forecast is higher than expected and the logic of the outcome is that the dollar will stay attractive because United States interest rates will not come down much further next year. So when Wells Fargo joined the handful of banks which have lowered prime lending rates from 11 1/4 p.c. to 10 1/4 p.c.

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The shares were placed with a broad range of institutions, many of which already had a stake in Waddington. Victor Watson, chairman of Waddington, said it was "very good news indeed" that Mr Maxwell was no longer a shareholder. But he noted a slight discrepancy in the figures thought to have been held, and now announced as sold.

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## CITY COMMENT

## Oil revenue underpinning deserts sterling

p.c. this week, it had little or no effect on the dollar which closed with substantial gains against all major currencies.

The pound ended at another all-time low in London at \$1.1740, down 1.1 cents on the day, and the pound's weighted average value dipped to 73.1 p.c. before recovering to close down 0.3 p.c. on balance at another low of 73.3 p.c. In the past four years, the pound has halved in value against the dollar and its average value has fallen 30 p.c.

## Waiting for the Fed

WALL STREET struggled in its attempts to so higher yesterday but eventually closed down 3.55 points. Wells Fargo and Citicorp joined the trend to cheaper money, but other big banks were reluctant to move while waiting for the Federal Reserve to show its own hand on interest rates.

Investors are also slow to make up their minds whether they should be happy, or sad, about the proposed \$28 billion cut in federal defence spending over the next three years.

It will help take some of the pressure off the federal deficit but it is less than the Defence Depart-

ment feared and less than half the amount the liberals on both sides of Congress had been pressing for. It may not be enough to convince them to approve the parallel cuts in domestic spending programmes which the president's own advisers have been urging on him. And without matching sacrifices on both sides the agreements needed to ensure early moves to cut the federal deficit down to a more manageable \$100 billion a year could be delayed still longer.

Considering the proposals will not begin to take effect until the fiscal year beginning next October, the chances are the deficit will continue to loom large in market expectations for some time to come. But the "supply siders" will be pressing for further relaxation of monetary policy to take advantage of the relatively low level of inflation and extend the economic recovery.

The stock market has largely held the big gains it made in 1982 but has been unable to build on them.

## Matthey mark on the Bank

MR LAWSON, the Chancellor, will find it increasingly difficult to distance himself from the Johnson

Matthey affair as evidence mounts of heavy Bank of England involvement in supporting the company's failed banking subsidiary, at considerable risk to public funds.

The latest blow to the Chancellor is news that the Bank of England has provided Johnson Matthey Bankers, which it now owns, with a cash injection of £100 million.

The payment, made on November 22, is being described as a straightforward deposit but it is clear that the money will be lost if J.M.B.'s had debts reach the levels they are expected to and if the Bank of England fails to persuade the clearing banks to help it share the burden.

It is also clear that the Bank had to make the deposit in order to meet deposit withdrawals by J.M.B.'s former banking friends. News of the £100 million deposit is a serious embarrassment to the Chancellor who told the House of Commons on Monday that no taxpayers' money would be involved in the rescue of J.M.B.

To protect the Chancellor, the Bank admitted yesterday that it had failed to inform either him or the Treasury of the decision to make the deposit, arguing that it did not think it worth a mention.

This remarkable admission is more astonishing when set in the context of revelations earlier in the week that the Bank is still having considerable difficulty persuading the clearing banks and other City institutions to bear their share of a £150 million indemnity scheme for J.M.B.

The banks are delaying the signing of the indemnity documents because of concern over the tax treatment of their now almost certain losses.

Losses at J.M.B. are widely expected to reach at least £250 million against the bank's own capital resources of just £170 million. That leaves the Bank of England exposed to potential losses of at least £80 million.

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Operating profit -	2.489	-
continuing activities	5.657	3.211
china and ceramics	3.934	1.653
Profit before taxation	18.22p	10.94p
Profit after taxation	2.38p	2.00p
Earnings per share (basic)	3.85p	3.26p
Proposed final dividend	100.97p	39.45p
Total dividend for year		
Net assets per share		

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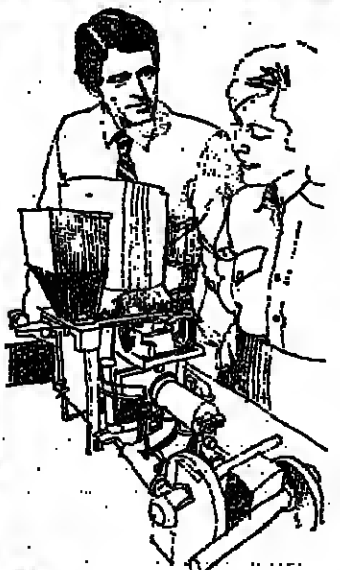
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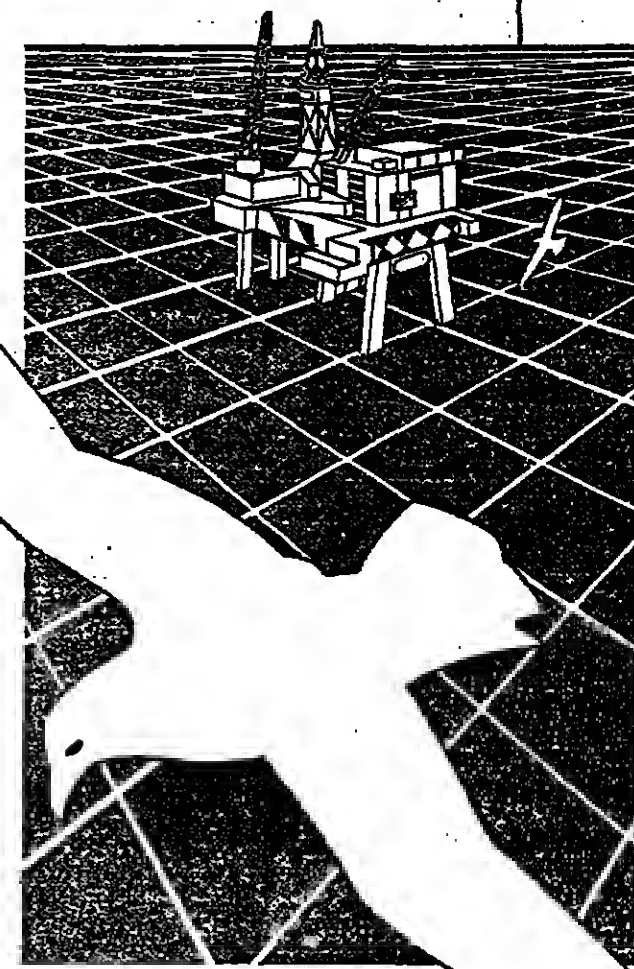
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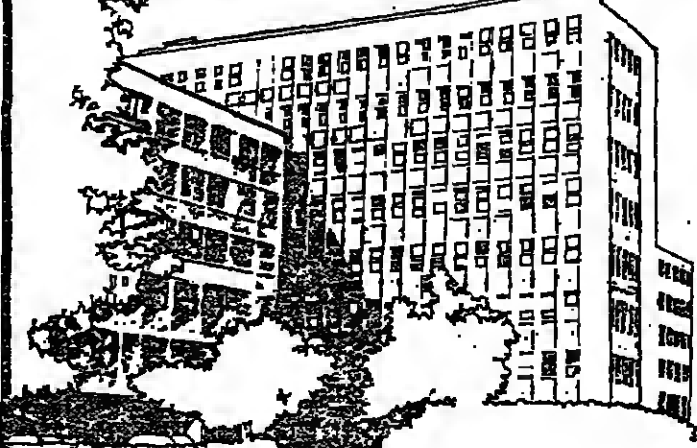
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## Sport... ON 3 PAGES

McGUIGAN HOOK  
ENDS DREAM OF  
GALLANT RUAN

By KEN MAYS

**BARRY McGUIGAN**, of Clones, retained his British and European featherweight title when he knocked out Clyde Ruan, of Slough, after two minutes 50 seconds of the fourth round at the Ulster Hall in Belfast last night.

McGuigan, relegated to this compact and overcrowded city centre venue, sent the 2,000 Irishmen wild with delight when he produced a left hook that had his challenger flat on his back and with no chance of beating the count.

The Irishman, who had been forced to put the European championship on the line although this was officially the defence of the British title he won 20 months ago, was never in any danger.

He took things cautiously against an untested opponent not ranked in anything like the same class.

Ruan, who had won the right to challenge with a victory over Pat Doherty, tried valiantly to break down the superb defence of the Irishman but in the end he paid for his efforts.

Left hook unleashed

Ruan stood his ground in the earlier rounds when McGuigan unleashed the left hook, and again in his credit took the fight to McGuigan.

He certainly earned his estimated £11,000 purse but he had no idea whatsoever when the knockout punch came and it was doubtful whether he heard the count of referee Larry O'Connell.

It was McGuigan's 23rd contest and his 17th successive invulnerable victory. McGuigan had won 20 months ago, was never in any danger.

Ruan, a minuscule proprietor who has the distinction of beating Peter Dinklage, the only man to have beaten McGuigan, had doubts before-hand as to the punching ability of the Irishman. These were dispelled.

Tantius, scored a surprise second-round light-middletweight victory over local John "Rocky" McGuigan when he was given a half-point advantage by referee Barney Wilson.

McGuigan rolled on his only accurate punch, the left hook to the body, but often left himself open to the straight left of the Londoner.

The Belfast hook did most of the forgoing throughout the 12

minutes, often appearing content to take Barwise's punches in an effort to land his own blows. But his defence was often left wide open and Barwise took the opportunity to score frequently and the Irishman was forced to take a beating.

McGuigan looked over-confident too often while Barwise protected himself in the sixth round.

In a scheduled eight rounds light-welterweight contest David Irvine, of Ireland, was knocked out in the seventh by Geoff Feller, of Wales.

Irvine, who has a reputation for hard punching, was an open target throughout for the Welshman's left jab and was cut over the right eye during the fifth.

The Irishman tried valiantly to match Feller's punches but he was always on the losing end and the contest could have been ended in the sixth.

Irvine made a valiant effort at the start of the seventh but a short, crisp left hook to the jaw stretched him on the canvas and referee Larry O'Connell did not bother to count.

Superb victory

Dive "Boy" McAuley, of Lurgan, scored a superb fourth-round victory over Graham Clarke, of Merthyr, but twice had to climb off the canvas.

In a fast, all-action, hard-fought fight scheduled for six rounds, McAuley was sent down by a left hook midway through the first round.

McAuley showed a little sign of damage under his right eye during the third but when he opened up with his fast punches in the fourth he sent his opponent reeling.

Another powerful attack sent Clarke across to the other side and the referee wisely stopped the fight.

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Recent signing, Steve Foster, and sought-after Ricky Hill (right) may soon be joined by Nelson Agresta at Luton.

## Women's Hockey

S. KOREANS  
IMPRESS  
CARDWELL

By NANCY TOMKINS

**THE** South Korean women's hockey team, who went home yesterday after two weeks at Crystal Palace, won all their matches on the Astroturf pitch but lost 4-0 to Kent on grass.

Jenny Cardwell, the England coach, whose XI were beaten 8-0 on Monday, said: "The Korean stickwork was first class."

Angela Cannell, England B captain and Chris Whitmore, of Essex and East Lothian, of Kent were in Mrs Cardwell's side but the outstanding performer was the out-and-out goalkeeper Denise Fevryer, under study to Suffolk at Julie Cook.

At the weekend the Koreans beat Suffolk 2-1 and Surrey 5-1. Surrey were without Karen Brown, playing indoors for England in Edinburgh, and their goalkeeper was again a former England Under-21 international.

Highly effective

Suffolk, without inside-forwards Alison Lipscombe and Denise Wayman, put up a better show but the Koreans, fast and highly motivated, again proved their mastery of artificial surfaces.

Mrs Cardwell believes the Koreans have reached a level approximating the English territorial stickwork they were always moving elusively and teasing opponents.

Their successful tour, part of an intensive preparation for the Intercontinental Cup in Argentina in April, should alert European teams to the growing threat from Asian opponents.

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## Soccer

QPR weakened by  
holiday bans

By DONALD SAUNDERS

**QUEENS PARK RANGERS** are likely to pay dearly during the crowded holiday programme, for indiscretions on the pitch by two key players in recent weeks.

Rangers will definitely be without Simon Stainrod, their experienced striker, for the Boxing Day derby with Chelsea at Loftus Road and for the visit to Stoke the following Saturday.

He was sent off after a widely publicised incident involving Pat Van Den Hauwe, the Everton defender, who was also dismissed a week last Saturday, and starts a two-match suspension on Monday.

Rangers are also in danger of losing Terry Fenwick, their captain and central defender, for the Stoke match and for the New Year's Day visit to West Ham.

Mark Lawrence, having recovered from the hamstring strain that kept him out of the last two matches, is expected to be back at the heart of Liverpool's defence against Rangers.

David O'Leary, Arsenal's Republic of Ireland centre-half, is expected to be back for the home game against Watford on Saturday, now he has recovered from the thigh strain that prevented him from playing in two of the last three matches.

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Luton may sign  
Uruguay star

By MICHAEL CALVIN

**L**UTON, blighted by the financial restraints of First Division survival, are flirting with the possibility of introducing a Uruguayan international soccer.

Nelson Agresta, who has won 60 caps for Uruguay, was assessed in a low-key trial at Kenilworth Road yesterday—when his performance in a practice match against Millwall offered possible midfield alternatives to David Pleat, the manager.

Mr Pleat, who has spent nearly £500,000 on introducing Steve Foster, David Pearce and Mick Harford to a side bereft of self-belief, is aware that he requires a creative, commanding new recruit.

Agresta, 28, has undeniable potential. He did not play against England in this summer's international series but, as a veteran of Uruguay's 1983 South African championship triumph, he is an influential figure in a country renowned for its bizarre selectorial whims.

Mr Pleat, who was alerted to Agresta's availability by a Swedish contact, had made tentative enquiries about his eligibility for a work permit.

Free agent

South America's current club, like many in South America, is in dire financial trouble. Consequently, he has been able to become a free agent.

He arrived in England secretly on Sunday and Mr Pleat, who has secured the agreement for the player to remain here until Jan. 8, admitted: "For all the promise shown by my younger players I need to secure some backbone to the team."

"We have lacked a midfield player with leadership qualities and a player who can bring three or four young players leading their way in a side having to cope with a difficult situation."

"We are losing matches and drawing disappointing crowds. That is most difficult for any youngster to deal with."

Public indifference

Luton, losing £5,000 a week, can ill-afford the public indifference that greeted Tuesday's visit of West Bromwich Albion, the club's first Division crowd of 7,288.

Pleat is expected to recover from the injury he sustained in the match with Millwall and goalkeeper Andy Dibble should return for the Boxing Day match against Coventry.

Bury, the new chairman, who has reconstituted the board, have overseen the latest signs of Foster, an influential captain, is remaining calm.

Confronted by the financial penalties of popular indifference, he continues to argue the merits of an eventual move to Milton Keynes. "Dislike him, we are trying to build a team, not sell one."

"We realise that players like Ricky Hill and Brian Stein are attractive to other clubs. Europe is our aim and there is no pressure on David Pleat whatever."

There is no way that our current gates are going to influence the situation. We plan to take stock of our plans in two years' time."

BURY COAST TO VICTORY

Peterborough ... 1, Bury ... 4

BURY, building on Andy Hill's 16th minute opener, stormed to the top of the Football League with an impressive victory over Peterborough, previously unbeaten at home this season.

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SOUTHEND  
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RESTLESS

**SOUTHEND** players, victims of a financial crisis they cannot control, last night admitted that they were on the verge of industrial action, writes Michael Calvin.

The team have not been paid for a fortnight, they considered the possibility of refusing to play.

They have not trained over the past two days, but Mickey Stead, the club's PFA representative, stressed: "There is no question of us not turning up for any fixture."

Bobby Moore, the manager, assured his players that wages will be paid once a takeover has been completed, and Mick Jobson, the new chairman, stressed that the players will be reimbursed today.

Recruits from Army

Brentford, meanwhile have bought out Steve Butler and George Horne, both lance corporals in the Army.

The pair, important figures in Wokingham Town's 1984 League challenge, were based at Abingdon, Berkshire, and Blackwater, Surrey, respectively.

Both men are likely to be included in the squad to face Hull on Saturday, but there is a chance of Chelsea recruiting Stuart McColl, Bradford's promising midfielder player.

Chelsea joined an elite in expressing their interest, but Trevor Cherry, the Bradford manager, stressed: "McColl is not for sale and any club who rips me about him is wasting their time."

"I want Stuart to stay with Bradford and wants to stay. So there the matter ends."

BOGNOR'S BONUS

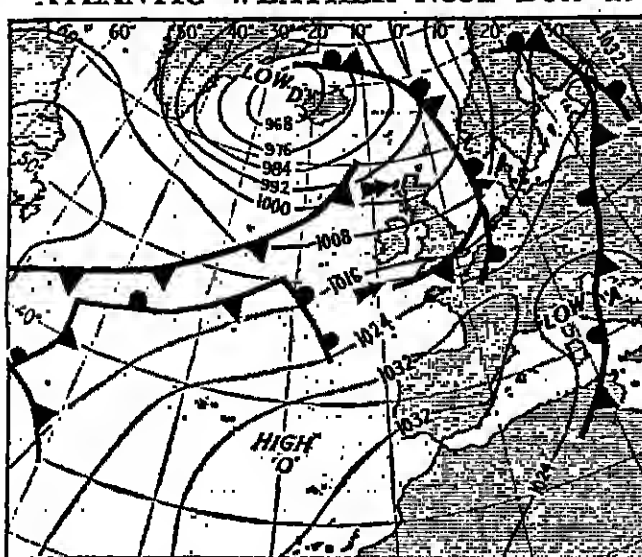
Cup-fighters Bognor, who knocked Third Division Swansea out of this year's FA Cup, have been left £5,000 to the win by Mrs. Hilda Adams, a club supporter who regularly attended home matches.

Boxing

COETZEE ADAMANT

Gerrie Coetzee, the dethroned WBA heavyweight champion, has told the WBA he still regards himself as the lightweight champion. He does not accept his defeat by American Greg Page in San Juan on Dec. 1. The South African was knocked out 49 seconds after the eighth round should have ended.

## ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Dec. 19



Low "D" will move steadily north-east with little change in central pressure. High "O" will be slow moving. Low "A" will slip south.

## BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m.

Resort	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Weather
Eastbourne	3.1	0.5	48	9	Sunny			
Hastings	3.1	0.5	48	9	Sunny			
Brighton	3.1	0.5	48	9	Sunny			
Southport	3.1	0.5	48	9	Sunny			















